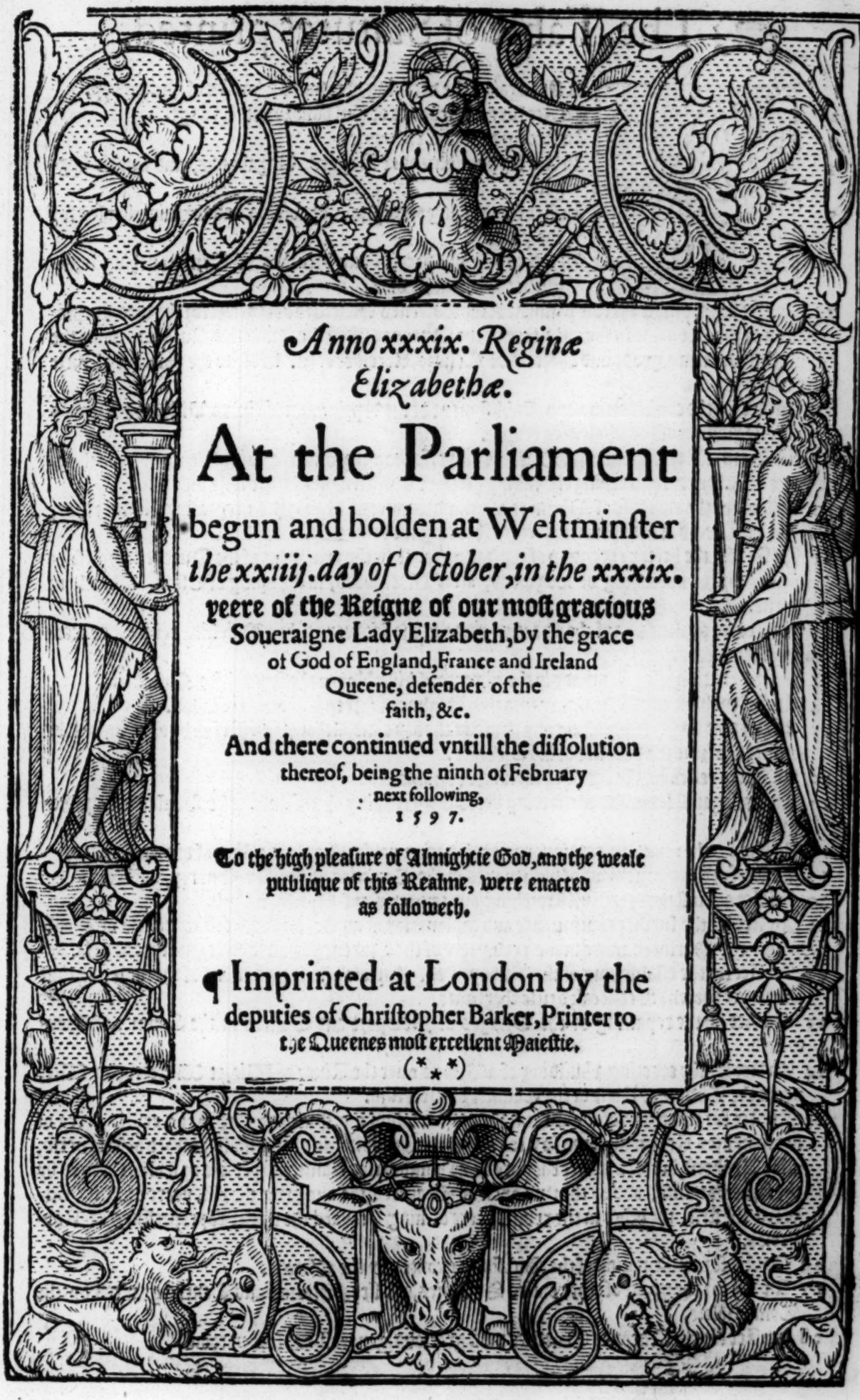


Anno xxxix. Reginæ Elizabethæ.

At the Parliament

begun and holden at Weſtminſter *the xxiiij. day of October, in the xxxix.* yeere of the Reigne of our moſt gracious Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queene, defender of the faith, &c.

And there continued vntill the diſſolution thereof, being the ninth of February next following,

1597.

To the high pleaſure of Almightie God, and the weale publique of this Realme, were enacted as followeth.

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¶ An acte againſt the decaying of Townes and houſes *of Husbandrie.*

The firſt Chapter.

WHere a good part of the ſtrength of this Realme conſiſteth in the number of good and able Subiects: And whereas the decayes of Townes and habitations haue bene by the ancient Lawes of this Realme eſteemed an high offence: And where of late yeeres more then in times paſt, there haue ſundry Townes, Pariſhes, and houſes of Husbandrie bene deſtroyed and become deſolate, by meanes whereof a great number of poore people, are become wanderers, idle and looſe, which is the cauſe of infinite inconueniences, Bee it therefore enacted by authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that an Act made in the fourth yeere of King Henry the ſeuenth, Intituled, An Acte againſt pulling downe and deſtruction of Houſes and Townes, and all other Actes heretofore made touching the decayes of houſes of Husbandry, for ſo much of euery of them, as do concerne the decay or reedifying of any Townes, villages, or houſes of Husbandry, or laying or cõtinuing any quantitie of land to the ſame, ſhall bee from henceforth vtterly repealed, ſauing onely for all ſuch offences, whereof and for the which there was at the firſt day of this preſent Parliament, any Action, Bill, ſuite, plaint, or information commenced or depending in her Maieſties Court of Starre-chamber, or any other her Maieſties Courts at Weſtminſter.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that euery houſe that nowe hath or heretofore had twentie Acres of arable land, meadowe, and paſture, or more thereunto belonging, and ſo occupied or letten to Farme, by the ſpace of three yeres together, at any time ſithence the beginning of the Queenes Ma-

ieſties reigne that now is, and which is not or hath not bene the Caſtle or dwelling houſe of any Noble man or gentleman, nor the chiefe Manſion houſe of any Mannour, is, and ſhall be adiudged an houſe of Huſbandry for euer. And that all acres ſpoken of in this ſtatute, ſhall be adiudged acres according to the ſtatute or ordinance de terris menſurandis.

And be it alſo enacted by the authority aforeſayd, if any perſon or perſons, bodies politike or corporate, at any time ſince the beginning of her ſayd Maieſties reigne, and before ſeuen yeeres now laſt paſt, haue decayed or waſted, or willingly ſuffered to be decayed or waſted any ſuch houſe of Huſbandrie, That in euery ſuch caſe the offendour in that behalfe ſhall erect, builde, or repaire, vpon ſome conuenient part of the Scites where the decayes were or bene, or of the lands to any ſuch houſes heretofore belonging, the one halfe in number of ſuch houſes ſo decayed or waſted, if the offender now hath, or hereafter by the expiration, ſurrender, forfeiture, or other determination of ſuch Leaſes or eſtates as are now in eſſe, ſhall or may haue in his or their owne vſe or occupation, ſo much of the Landes, which belonged to the ſame Houſes or any of them, as will ſuffice to lay thereof fourtie acres of arable Land, meadow, and paſture to euery of the ſame houſes ſo to be erected, builded or repaired: And ſhall then alſo put to euery of the ſame houſes, fourtie acres of the ſame Lands at the leaſt, being arable land, meadow and paſture, conuenient and fit to be vſed and occupied with the ſame houſes: And if the offender now hath not, nor hereafter by the expiration, ſurrender, forfeiture or determination of any ſuch Leaſes or eſtates, as are now in eſſe, ſhall not or may not haue ſo much of the ſayde Landes, then the offendour to erect, builde or repaire ſo many of the ſame Houſes before by this Acte intended to be erected, builded, or repaired, as the ſame offendour can of the ſame Lands then in his or their owne vſe and occupation, put thereunto fortie acres of arable Land, meadow, and paſture, And in ſuch caſe alſo the ſame offendour ſhall put to euery ſuch Houſe ſo erected, builded, or repaired, fourtie acres of the ſame Land at the leaſt, being arable Land, meadow, and paſture, which ſhall be fit and conuenient to be vſed and occupied with the ſame, And if any the ſame decayed houſes and Scites, and the landes thereunto heretofore belonging, or any part thereof, be in or do come to the poſſeſſion or hands as aforeſayd of any as heire, executour, adminiſtratour, or ſucceſſour to the offender, or otherwiſe as aſſignee by the immediate and free gift of the offendour as aforeſayd, That in euery ſuch caſe, ſuch heire, executour, adminiſtratour, ſucceſſour or aſſignee, vpon the Scites or ſome other conuenient part of the ſame Landes ſo growen or come vnto him or them,

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And for and in respect of so much of the same Lands as is not before satisfied, by erecting, building, or repairing of houses of Husbandrie, and supplying the same with Landes according to the true intent of this act in that behalfe, shall erect, build, or repaire such and so many houses of Husbandry, in such maner, and with like addition of Lands therunto, as the offender proportionably should haue done in the like case by the true meaning of this Act. And if any of the same waskings or decayings haue hapned within seuen yeres now last past, the offenders in that behalf hauing now, or which hereafter by ỹ expiration, surrender, forfeiture, or other determination of such Leases or estates as are now in esse, shall or may haue in his or their owne vse or occupation, so much of the same scite or landes, which belonged to the same house so decayed or wasted, or any of them as can supply euery of the same houses, which had before belonging vnto it vnder fourtie acres, with twentie acres of arable land, meadow, and pasture: and euery such of the same houses which before had fourtie acres or aboue belonging to it, with fourtie acres of arable land, meadow and pasture, shall erect, builde, or repaire vpon some conuenient part of the scites or landes that belonged to the same houses or any of them, the whole number of the houses so decayed or wasted: And for euery such of the same houses of Husbandrie as heretofore had vnder fourtie acres of arable land, meadow and pasture belonging to it, shall put to the houses of Husbandry so to be erected, builded, or repaired of the landes, which such offendour hath or shall haue as aforesayd, twentie acres at the least of arable land, meadow, and pasture, fit and conuenient to be vsed and occupied therewith: And for euery such of the same houses of Husbandrie so decayed or wasted as aforesayd, as had belonging to it fourty acres of arable land, meadow and pasture or more, shal put to euery of the same houses so to be erected, builded, or repaired of the same landes which such offendour hath, or shall haue as aforesayd, fourty acres at the least of arable land, meadow and pasture, fit and conuenient to be vsed and occupied therewith. And if the same offendour haue not, or shall not haue as aforesayd, so much of the landes belonging to any of the same houses as may therewith performe that which is aforesaid, then the same offender shall erect, build, or repaire so many onely of the same houses of Husbandrie as hee can, with the same landes in the vse and occupation as aforesayd of such offendour, supply the same houses with such quantitie of arable land, meadow, and pasture, as before in this article is mentioned to be put to the same, and shall put to euery of the same houses of the same arable land, meadow, and pasture accordingly. And if the same decayed or wasted scites, or houses and landes thereunto

heretofore belonging, or any part thereof be in or doe come to the possession or occupation as aforesaid, of any as heire, executor, administrator or successor to the said offender last before mentioned, or otherwise as assignee, by the immediate and free gift of the same offender, That in euery such case, such heire, executor, administrator, successor, or assignee, vpon some conuenient part of the same scite, or landes, so growen or come to him or them: And for and in respect of so much of the same scite and landes as is not before satisfied by erecting, building or repairing of houses of Husbandrie, and supplying the same with lands according to the true intent of this Acte in that behalfe, shall erect, builde, or repaire such and so many houses of Husbandrie, and with like addition of lands thereunto, as the offender proportionably should haue done in like case by the true meaning of this Act. And that all such as haue or shall haue any the houses of Husbandrie decayed or wasted as is aforesaide, at any time since the beginning of her said Maiesties reigne, or the lands thereunto belonging, or any part thereof, by, from, or vnder the offender, for money or other consideration, or otherwise by any other title then vnder the offender: That in euery such case, such so hauing such scites, or houses so decayed or wasted as aforesaid, and the landes which did thereunto belong, or any part thereof, and not before that erected, builded, or repaired with houses of Husbandrie, and supplied with lands according to the true meaning of this Acte, shall for and in respect of the same landes, which hee or they so haue, proportionably erect, reedifie, and repaire onely the fourth part in number of the like houses of Husbandry, and with such and the like quantitie of the same landes to bee added to euery of the same houses of Husbandrie as is before mentioned for the offender, to doe and performe in like cases of decayes made within seuen yeres now last past.

And be it also enacted, ỹ euery person, body politike & corporat that is to make any erection, building or repairing of houses, as is aforesaide, shal performe two of ỹ same erections, buildings, or repairings, before ỹ feast of Pentecost in ỹ yere of our Lord God, one thousand fiue hundred ninetie nine, if so many be to be done by such party, if not, then one where but one is to bee done: And who is to performe more then two, shall thencefoorth yeerely performe two other of the same, vntil al such erections, reedifyings, and repairings be fully performed, which that party is to do and performe by the true intent of this Acte, and as the same houses shall from time to time be erected, builded, or repaired, the lands as is aforesaid shall be put thereunto, and for such houses as are nowe standing, the landes in maner as is aforesaide shall bee put thereunto before the said feast of Pentecost in the yeere aforesaid.

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And be it further enacted, that all houses of Husbandry which are to bee erected, builded, or repaired, by the true intent of this Acte, and all other houses of Husbandrie nowe standing, shall from time to time for euer by the occupiers and possessers thereof bee vpholden and maintained in good and conuenient reparations, inhabitable, and tenantable, and as houses of Husbandry in those parts. And that the landes thereto to be put, or now belonging as aforesaid, or as much in goodnesse, quantitie, and qualitie, shall bee demised with the house by the lessor thereof, whensoeuer the same house shal be demised without any willing default of the lessor in that behalfe, and that the same landes shalbe vsed and continued in Tillage and Husbandrie according to the statute in that behalfe. And where any in reason or good conscience ought to haue contribution from any other towards the charges of any the erections, buildings, or repairings aforesaid, In euery such case vpon a bill to bee exhibited into the high court of Chancerie by such party against any decayer, or other that ought to be contributory to the same as aforesaide, such contribution shalbe giuen, and in such sort leuied and paied, as by order of that court shall in that behalfe be set downe or taken.

Prouided alwayes neuertheless, and bee it enacted, if any house of Husbandry now standing hath or shall haue belonging to it, or letten therewith aboue the number of threescore acres of arable land, meadow, or pasture in ỹ whole, the ouerplus thereof may from time to time bee added to supply or make vp any other house to be a house of Husbandry of or vnder fourtie acres, & that for the more better and commodious occupying or husbandry of any the lands, meadowes, or pastures which shall bee allotted or belonging to any house of Husbandry, as is aforesaid, it shall be lawfull for any Lord to make exchange with any his tenants, or any tenant or other person with the assent of the Lord to change the one with the other without incurring any the penalties of this statute, any thing in this Acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that if any person hath erected, or hereafter shall erect, any newe like house of Husbandry where no house of Husbandrie was at any time since the beginning of her Maiesties reigne, with like landes allotted or to bee allotted thereunto as aforesaide, and as conuenient, in lieu or place of any house of Husbandry heretofore decayed, or hereafter to bee decayed, and within two miles thereof: That in euery such case such house so decayed or to bee decayed, is not, nor shall not bee repaired, reedified or continued by the true intent of this Acte, so alwayes that the same house newly erected or to bee erected, bee continued a like house of Husbandry as aforesaide for euer. And

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if any person or persons which hath built any mansion house fit for the dwelling of a gentleman, or any person of higher degree, hath taken into his hands any landes not exceeding the quantitie of fiftie acres, or houses not exceeding the number of two houses, conuenient and needfull to be imployed for mainteining of necessary hospitality and housekeeping in that house, such person for such taking into his handes or decaying of such lands or houses shall not be deemed or taken for any offendour by this statute.

Prouided also, that this Acte, or any thing therein conteined, shall not extend to any Parke, or inclosed ground for Deere, or any lands or houses therein, the same being at this present chiefly stored with, or imployed to Deere.

Prouided also, that this Act, or any thing therein conteined, shall not be preiudiciall to any being out of this Realme, or Infant, or of non sanæ memoriæ, which before by this Acte ought to reedifie, erect, or repaire any house, or houses of Husbandrie, so that euery such person shall yeerely next after his returne, full age, or being of sanæ memoriæ,, performe therein the intent of this Act.

And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that euery person and persons, bodies politike and corporate, which shall offend in any the premisses, shal for euery house that shal not be erected, builded, repaired, continued, or mainteined in necessarie reparation, tenantable, according to the true meaning of this Acte, by the space of one yeere, forfeit tenne pounds, and so yeerely tenne pounds, vntill the same shall be sufficiently erected, builded, continued, or repaired. And for euery acre of land, meadow, or pasture, which shall not be layed vnto, or let with such houses of Husbandrie, when the same shall be demised as aforesayd, shall forfeit for euery yeere he or they shall so offend, the summe of ten shillings, as long and as often as such acre shall not in those respects be vsed, and ordered according to the intent of this Acte: which forfeiture shall be diuided into three equall parts, whereof one third part to be to the Queenes Maiesty, her heires and successors, one other part to be to the vse of the poore within the Parish where the offence shall be committed, to be deliuered by the order of the Court, in which the same shall be recouered, to the Churchwardens of the same parish without any charge or other warrant, and the other third part to such as wil sue for the same in any Court of Record at Westminster, by Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information, if any such will sue, if not, to the Queenes Maiesty, her heires, and successours, in which sute, no essoine, protection, or wager of law shalbe allowed.

And be it further enacted, &c. that the Justices of Assises to be holden

holden within euery Countie of this Realme, shall haue full power and authoritie to enquire of, heare, and determine, all and euery the said defaults and offences to be committed or done within the Counties where any such Assizes shall be kept vpon Inquisition, Indictment, Bill, or Information, to be exhibited before them.

Prouided also that no offendour shall be impeached or sued by vertue of this Acte, except such sute shalbe brought and commenced within two yeeres of the same offence committed or done, being prosecuted by any, for himselfe, and her Maiestie, her heires, or successours, but in case where the sayd sute shall be brought, or prosecuted for her Maiestie, her heires, or successors onely, then such sute to be brought and commenced within three yeeres of the same offence done and committed. This Acte to endure but to the end of the next Session of Parliament.

An acte for the maintenance of Husbandrie and Tillage.

The ij. Chapter.

WHereas the strength and flourishing estate of this kingdome hath beene alwayes, and is greatly vphelde and aduaunced by the maintenance of the Plough and Tillage, being the occasion of the increase & multiplying of people, both for seruice in the warres, and in times of peace, being also a principall meane that people are set on worke, & thereby withdrawen from idlenesse, drunkennesse, vnlawfull games, and all other lewd practises, and conditions of life: And whereas by the same meanes of Tillage and Husbandrie, the greater parts of the Subiects are preserued from extreme pouertie in a competent estate of maintenance, and meanes to liue, and the wealth of the Realme is kept, dispersed and distributed in many handes, where it is more readie to answere

ſwere all neceſſary charges for the ſeruice of the Realme, and whereas alſo the ſaide Huſbandry and Tillage is a cauſe that the Realme doth more ſtand vpon it ſelfe, without depending vpon forreigne Countreys, either for bringing in of Corne in time of ſcarcitie, or for vent and vtterance of our owne commodities being in ouer great abundance: And whereas from the xxvii. yere of King Henry the eight, of famous memory, vntil the xxxv. yere of her Maieſties moſt happy reigne, there was alwayes in force ſome Law which did ordeine a cõuerſion and continuance of a certeine quantitie & proportion of land in Tillage not to bee altered: And that in the laſt Parliament helde in the ſaid xxxv. yeere of her Maieſties reigne, partly by reaſon of the great plentie and cheapnes of graine at that time within this Realme, and partly by reaſon of the imperfection and obſcuritie of the Lawe, made in that caſe, the ſame was diſcontinued: Since which time there haue growen many more depopulations, by turning Tillage into paſture, then at any time for the like number of yeeres heretofore:

Bee it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authoritie of the ſame, That whereas any landes or grounds at any times, ſince the ſeuenteenth of Nouember, in the firſt yere of her Maieſties reigne, haue bene conuerted to ſheepe paſtures, or to the fatting or graſing of cattell, the ſame lands hauing bene tillable lands, fieldes or grounds, ſuch as haue bene vſed in Tillage or for Tillage, by the ſpace of twelue yeeres together at the leaſt next before ſuch conuerſion, according to the nature of the ſoile and courſe of Huſbandry vſed in that part of the Countrey, all ſuch landes and grounds, as aforeſaide, ſhall before the firſt day of May, which ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lord God 1599. be reſtored to Tillage, or layed for Tillage in ſuch ſort, as the whole ground, according to the nature of that ſoile, and courſe of Huſbandry vſed in that part of the Countrey, be within three yeeres at the leaſt turned to Tillage by the occupiers and poſſeſſors thereof, and ſo ſhall bee continued for euer.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that all Lands and grounds which nowe are vſed in Tillage or for Tillage, hauing bene Tillable lands, fields, or grounds, ſuch as next before the firſt day of this preſent Parliament, haue bene by the ſpace of twelue yeeres together at the leaſt vſed in Tillage or for tillage, according to the nature of the ſoile and courſe of Huſbandry vſed in that part of the Countrey, ſhal not be conuerted to any Sheepe paſture, or to the graſing or fatting of cattell by the occupiers or poſſeſſors thereof, but ſhall, according to the nature of

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that soile and course of Husbandry vsed in that part of the countrey, continue to bee vsed in Tillage or for Tillage for Corne or Graine, and not for Woad.

Prouided neuertheless, that if any person or body politike or corporate, hath since the seuenteenth of Nouember aforesaid, layed, or hereafter shall lay any ground to graze, or hath vsed or shall vse the same ground with Sheepe, or any other Cattell, which ground hath bene or shall bee driuen or worne out with Tillage onely vpon good Husbandry, and with intent bona fide, without fraude or couine, the same ground should recouer heart and strength, and not with intent to continue the same otherwise in sheepe pasture, or for fatting or grazing of cattell, that no such person or body politike or corporate, shall bee intended for that ground a conuerter, within the meaning of this Lawe.

Prouided also, that if any such occupier or possessor of ground, as aforesayd, hath broke vp, conuerted, or layed foorth, or shall breake vp, conuert, or lay foorth into Tillage any other ground not liable to this present law, as aforesayd, and lying within the same parish, Towne, Hamlet, or Lordship, or within two mile of the same land formerly tilled, that for such quantitie onely, and for so long time as hee hath so done or continued, or shall so doe or continue, he shall not incurre any penaltie conteined in this Act, but that it shall be lawfull for any such Occupier or Possessor, at his libertie and pleasure, and according to his best commoditie and Husbandry, to change & alter from time to time such ground put or to be put in Tillage, so that euery such Occupier do keepe the summe or totall of the quantitie or proportion of his grounds lying within the same parish, Towne, Hamlet, or Lordship, or within two mile of the same lande formerly tilled in Tillage, as aforesaid.

Prouided also, that this Acte shall not extende to any ground that any person, body politike or corporate hath turned or shall turne from Tillage to Pasture for the onely maintenance or keeping of his or their owne Horses, Geldings, Mares, or draught Oxen, or the Horses, Geldings, or Mares of his or their owne family, or others comming to his or thetr house, or for the maintenance or keeping of kine, sheepe, or other cattell, for the onely victuals to be spent in his or their houses, or for the needfull and necessary soiling of his or their tillable lands.

Prouided neuertheless, that no persons that shall commonly feede, and sell yerely Beeues and Muttons to a greater number then he or they shall yeerely spend in victuall in his or their mansion house or houses, or more then shall growe or bee needfull to be culled out, or in respect of the necessary stocks for maintenance of housekeeping, and soiling the tillable landes as aforesayd, or

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that shall be a common fatter of Beeues, or Muttons, or any of them as a common Grasier or Sheepe master, to be commonly solde in Markets and Faires, or to the common Butchers, other then in respect of the necessary stocks aforesaide, shall be taken, expounded or vnderstood to be such person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, as by this Prouiso last aboue mentioned, may keepe any ground or pasture whole and not conuerted into Tillage for the maintenance and keeping Kine, Sheepe, or other Cattell for the onely victuall to be spent in their owne houses, or for the needfull soyling of their tillable lands, but beene and shal be excepted out of the same Prouiso, any thing in the same Prouiso conteined to the contrary notwithstanding. And whereas it is mentioned, that this Acte or any thing therein conteined, shall not extend to be preiudiciall to any person or persons, bodies politike or corporate, for the keeping of any ground in pasture, for the onely maintenance and keeping of his or their Horses, mares, Geldings, or draught Oxen, or for the maintenance, and keeping of Kine, and other Cattel for the onely prouision and victualling of his or their Mansion or dwelling house or houses, Bee it declared and enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that if it shall fortune any such person or persons to be absent, and not resident at or vpon his or their vsuall Mansion, or dwelling house or houses, with his family or housholde, for and by occasion of seruice, or attendance to be done by any such person or persõs, by the expresse commandement of the Quenes Maiestie, her heires, or successors, within the Realme, or without, or else hauing two or three mansion or dwelling houses, shall be resident and dwelling with his family, but at one of them, or shall be within age, That then during, and for the time of such seruice, attendance, minoritie and absence, and one yere next after, or during, and for the time that hee or they shalbe resident or dwelling with his family, but at or vpon one of his dwelling houses, hee or they shall & may keepe such grounds in pasture, belonging or vsually occupied with any of the said two or three houses, and with no more, or others in his or their owne hands or occupation, or let it out to any other person or persons, without incurring of any danger or forfeiture by vertue of this Act, So that the same person or persons, shall and do keepe the same mansion and dwelling house or houses vnletten in good sufficient reparations, and meete and conuenient for him or them to repaire, and resort vnto at all times, for his and their dwelling and abode, any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that if any person, or body politique or corporate, shall offende against the premisses, euery such person or body politike or corporate so offending,

bing, shall lose and forfeit for euery acre not restored or not continued as is aforesaid, the summe of twenty shillings for euery yere that he or they so offend, And that the sayd penalties or forfeitures shall be diuided in three equall parts, whereof one thirde part to be to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors, to her & their owne vse, one other third part to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors for releefe of the poore in the Parish where the offence shall be committed, if any such be, to be deliuered by warrant of the principall officers in the receipt of the Exchequer, without further warrant from her Maiestie, her heires and successors, and the other third part to such person as will sue for the same in any Court of Record at Westminster by Action of debt, Bill, Plaint or Information: in which sute no essoine, protection, or wager of law shall be allowed.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that the Justices of Assise, or Justices of the Peace in euery county within this Realme, at the Assises or Quarter or Generall Sessions, shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this Act, to enquire, heare and determine all and euery the defaults and offences committed or done contrary to this Act, within the Countie where any such Assises or Sessions shalbe kept, by Inquisition, Presentment, Indictment, Bill or Information, or by any of the same wayes or meanes, and vpon the conuiction of the offender by information or sute of any other then her Maiestie, her heires or successours, to make extracts of one third part of the forfeitures to be leuied for the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, as they vse to doe of other Fines, Issues and Amerciaments growen in the Sessions of Peace, and to award execution of the two other third parts, the one for the Complainant or Informer, and the other to the poore by the discretion of the Justices of Peace at the Generall Sessions against the offender by Fieri facias, and Capias, as her Maiesties Justices at Westminster may doe and vse to doe: And if any such conuiction shall hereafter happen to be at her Maiesties sute onely, that then the forfeitures to be extracted and leuied for her Maiestie, her heires and successours to the vses aforesayd. And it is also further enacted, that if any person shall hereafter be punished by vertue of this Act, for any thing mentioned in this Act, that then the same person shall not otherwise be vexed, troubled, sued or put to any paine or punishment for the thing, wherefore he or they shall haue bene so punished.

Prouided also, that no offenders shall be impeached or sued by vertue of this Acte, except such sute shall be brought and commenced within two yeres of the same offence committed or done, In case where the sayde sute shall be brought and prosecuted in

name of any Informer, And in case the same sute shalbe brought and prosecuted in her Maiesties name, or in the name of her heires or successours, then such sute to be brought and commenced, within three yeres of the offence done and committed.

Prouided also, no land compellable to be put in tillage by vertue of this Act, shall be deemed or adiudged a breach or forfeiture of any couenant, bond, or condition, between any persons whatsoeuer. Neither that any person that shall bee compelled to put and conuert any lands into Tillage by vertue of this Acte, shall therefore incurre any penaltie or prejudice collaterall, or other, whether it be of augmentation of rent, giuing of any recompence or consideration, or the like, but shall be in law discharged of euery such limitation, couenant, condition or agreement.

Prouided neuertheless, that this Acte shall not extend to any Pasture, Heath, Downes, wast or barren ground, which hath not heretofore bene commonly vsed to be eared or tilled for corne, and which is not meete and strong enough to be continued still in tillage, according to the nature of the Soile, and customs of the Countrey, Nor to any Commons, Fennes, Moores, Mosses, nor to any Marshes being vsually ouerflowen with water, at any time of the yeere, nor to any Marshes or groundes recouered and Inned, and which are or shall be so kept and continued by charge of Banks, Nor to any Parke, or Parks, Warren, or Warrens, Nor to any inclosed grounds now vsed with Deere, or Conies, or which hereafter by licence from her Maiesty, her heires, or successours, with sufficient clause of dispensation mentioning this Act, shall be principally bestowed and imployed to the maintenance of Deere, and Conies, without fraud or couine, nor to any Meadowes, nor to any Wood grounds, nor to any Orchard, Garden, Poole, or Pondyard, nor to any groundes set or sowen with Saffron, Hoppes, Garlicke, Onions, or other such Garden roots meet for victuall, Nor to any Plot, or Soile, whereupon any house or tenement habitable is erected, and the Curtillages, Yards, and Backesides thereof, Nor to any ground occupied or let with any Tenement, being vnder the quantitie of twentie acres, as long as such Tenements shall be continued not decayed, nor to any grounds wherein any Oare, Leade, Tinne, Iron, Cole, commonly called Sea Cole, Stone Cole, or Moore Cole is commonly got, All which to be intended, during such time only, as all and euery the grounds aforesayd, shall be vsed or put to the vses and intents aboue specified, Any thing in this Acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this last prouiso shall not giue any benefit, aduantage, or libertie to any person or persons, which hath conuerted or imployed, or hereafter shall conuert or imploy

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any more ground to the keeping of Conies, not being lawfull warren, then tenne Acres at the moſt, and the ſame to be within one mile of his dwelling houſe.

Prouided alſo, that this Act ſhal not extende to any Counties within this Realme of England, but ſuch onely as ſhalbe hereafter ſpecified, that is to ſay, the Counties of Northampton, Leiceſter, Warwicke, Buckingham, Bedford, Oxford, Berkſhire, the Ile of Wight, Glocester, Worceſter, Nottingham, Hampſhire, Wiltſhire, Somerſet, Dorſet, Derby, Rutland, Lincolne, Hereforde, Cambridge, Huntington, Yorke, Pembroke in South-Wales, and the Biſhoprieke of Durham, and Northumberland, and the Counties of all Cities and Corporations, lying, ſituate, and being within the Counties aforeſaide, or confining to the ſame, and the Aindtie of the Countie of the Citie of Yorke.

Prouided alwayes, that neither this Act, nor any thing therein conteined, ſhall extende to any ground nowe conuerted from Tillage to Meadowe or Paſture, lying within two miles of the great roade way, called Watling ſtreete, leading from the towne of Dunſtable in the Countie of Bedforde, towardes Weſtcheſter, So that the ſame ground bee not aboue fiue miles from the pariſh Church of Dunſtable, nor within two miles thereof.

This Acte to indure to the ende of the next Seſſion of Parliament.

An acte for the relieſe of the Poore.

The iij. Chapter.

BE it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the Churchwardens of euery Pariſh, and foure ſubſtantiall houſeholders there being Subſidie men, or for want of Subſidie men, foure other ſubſtantiall houſholders of the ſayde Pariſh, who ſhall bee nominated yeerely in Eaſter weeke, vnder the hande and Seale of two or more Juſtices of the Peace in the ſame Countie, whereof one to be of the Quorum, dwelling in, or neere the ſame Pariſh, ſhalbe called Ouerſeers of the poore of the ſame Pariſh, and they, or the greater part of them ſhal take order from time to time, by, & with the conſent of two or more ſuch Juſtices of Peace, for ſetting to worke of the children of all ſuch, whoſe parents ſhall not by the ſaid perſons bee thought able to keepe and mainteine their children, And alſo all ſuch perſons maried or vnmaried, as hauing no meanes to mainteine them, vſe no ordinarie and daily trade of life to get their liuing by, and alſo to raiſe weekely or otherwiſe (by taxation of euery Inhabitant, and euery occupier of Landes in the ſaide Pariſh, in ſuch competent ſumme and ſummes of money as they ſhall thinke fit) a conuenient ſtocke of Flaxe, Hempe, Wooll, Threed, Iron, and other neceſſary Ware and Stuffe to ſet the poore on worke, and alſo competent ſummes of money, for, and towards the neceſſary relieſe of the Lame, Impotent, Olde, Blinde, and ſuch other among them being poore, and not able to worke, and alſo for the putting out of ſuch children to be apprentices, to be gathered out of the ſame pariſh, according to the abilitie of the ſaide pariſh, and to doe and execute all other things, as well for the diſpoſing of the ſaide ſtocke, as otherwiſe concerning the premiſſes, as to them ſhall ſeeme conuenient: which ſayde Churchwardens and Ouerſeers ſo to be nominated, or ſuch of them as ſhall not bee let by ſickeneſſe or other iuſt excuſe, to bee allowed by ſuch two Juſtices

stices of Peace or more, shall meete together at the least once euery moneth in the Church of the saide Parish, vpon the Sunday in the afternoone, after diuine Seruice, there to consider of some good course to be taken, and of some meete orders to be set downe in the premisses, & shall within foure dayes after the ende of their yeere, and after other Ouerseers nominated as aforesaide, make and yeeld vp to such two Justices of Peace, a true and perfect accompt of all summes of money by them receiued or rated and sessed, and not receiued: and also of such stocke as shall bee in their handes, or in the handes of any of the poore to worke, and of all other things concerning their saide office, and such summe or summes of money as shall be in their hands, shall pay and deliuer ouer to the saide Churchwardens and Ouerseers, newly nominated and appointed as aforesaide, vpon paine that euery one of them absenting themselues without lawfull cause as aforesaid, from such monethly meeting for the purpose aforesaide, or being negligent in their office, or in the execution of the orders aforesaide, being made by, and with the assent of the saide Justices of Peace, to forfeit for euery such default, xx. shillings. And be it also enacted, that if the saide Justices of Peace do perceiue that the inhabitants of any parish are not able to leuie among themselues sufficient summes of money for the purposes aforesaide, that then the said Justices shal, and may taxe, rate, and assesse, as aforesaid, any other of other parishes, or out of any Parish within the Hundred where the saide Parish is, to pay such summe and summes of money to the Churchwardens and Ouerseers of the said poore Parish, for the said purposes, as the saide Justices shall thinke fit, according to the intent of this Lawe. And if the saide Hundred shall not be thought to the said Justices, able, and fit to relieue the saide seuerall Parishes not able to prouide for themselues as aforesaid, then the Justices of Peace, at their generall Quarter Sessions, or the greater number of them, shall rate, and assesse, as aforesaid, any other of other Parishes, or out of any Parish within the said Countie, for the purposes aforesaide, as in their discretion shall seeme fit.

And that it shall bee lawfull for the sayde Churchwardens and ouerseers, or any of them, by warrant from any two such Justices of Peace, to leuie as well the sayde summes of money of euery one that shall refuse to contribute according as they shall bee assessed, by distresse and sale of the offenders goods, as the summes of money, or stocke which shall bee behinde vpon any accompt to bee made as aforesayde, rendering to the partie the ouerplus, and in defect of such distresse, it shall bee lawfull for any such two Justices of the Peace, to commit him to prison, there to remaine without Baile or Mainprise,

till payment of the saide summe or stocke. And the said Justices of peace or any one of them, to send to the house of correction such, as shall not imploy themselues to worke, being appointed thereunto as aforesaide, And also any two such Justices of peace, to commit to prison euery one of the saide Churchwardens and Ouerseers, which shall refuse to accompt, there to remaine without baile or mainprise, till he haue made a true accompt, and satisfied and payed so much as vpon the said accompt shal be remaining in his handes.

And be it further enacted, that it shall bee lawfull for the saide Churchwardens and Ouerseers or the greater part of them, by the assent of any two Justices of the peace, to binde any such children as aforesaid to bee Apprentices, where they shall see conuenient, till such manchilde shall come to the age of xxiiii. yeeres, and such womanchilde to the age of xxi. yeres, The same to be as effectuall to all purposes, as if such child were of full age, and by Indenture of couenant bound him or herselfe. And to the intent that necessary places of habitation may more conueniently bee prouided for such poore impotent people, Be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that it shall and may bee lawfull for the sayde Churchwardens and Ouerseers or the greater part of them, by the leaue of the lord or lordes of the Manour, whereof any waste or Common within their parish is or shall be parcell, and vpon agreement before with him or them made in writing, vnder the hands and seales of the said lord or lords, or otherwise, according to any order to be set downe by the Justices of peace of the sayde Countie, at their generall quarter Sessions, or the greater part of them, by like leaue and agreement of the saide lord or lords in writing vnder his or their hands and seales, to erect, build, and set vp in fit and conuenient places of habitation, in such waste or Common, at the generall charges of the Parish, or otherwise of the Hundred or Connty as aforesaid, to be taxed, rated and gathered in maner before expressed, conuenient houses of dwelling for the said impotent poore, and also to place Inmates, or more families then one in one Cottage or house, One Acte made in the xxxi. yeere of her Maiesties reigne intituled, An Act against the erecting and mainteining of Cottages, or any thing therein conteined to the contrary notwithstanding. Prouided alwayes, that if any person or persons shall finde themselues grieued with any Sesse or Taxe, or other acte done by the sayde Churchwardens, and other persons, or by the said Justices of peace, that then it shall be lawfull for the Justices of peace at their generall quarter Sessions, or the greater number of them, to take such order therein as to them shalbe thought conuenient, And the same to conclude and binde all the said parties.

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And be it further enacted, that the parents or childzen of euery poore, olde, blinde, lame, & impotent person or other poore person not able to worke, being of a sufficient abilitie, shall at their owne charges, relieue and mainteine euery such poore person in that maner, and according to that rate, as by the Justices of Peace of that County where such sufficient persons dwell, or the greater number of them, at their generall quarter Sessions shal be assessed, vpon paine that euery one of them to forfeit twentie shillings for euery moneth, which they shall faile therein.

And be it further hereby enacted, that the Maiors, Bailifes, or other head Officers of euery corporate Towne within this Realme, being Justice or Justices of Peace, shall haue the same authoritie by vertue of this Act, within the limits and precints of their corporations, aswell out of Sessions, as at their Sessions, as is herein limited, prescribed and appointed to any of the Justices of peace of the Countie, for all the vses and purposes in this Acte prescribed, and no other Justice of Peace to enter or meddle there.

And be it also enacted, that if it shall happen any Parish to extend it selfe into moe Counties then one, or part to lie within the liberties of any Citie, or Towne corporate, and part without, that then, aswell the Justices of Peace of euery Countie, as also the head Officers of such Citie or Towne corporate, shall deale and intermeddle only in so much of the said Parish as lieth within their libertie, and not any further.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, That from the first day of Nouember next ensuing the end of this Session of Parliament, no person or persons whatsoeuer, shall goe wandring abroad, and beg in any place wheresoeuer, by licence or without, vpon paine to be esteemed, taken and punished as a Rogue.

Prouided alwayes, that this present Acte shall not extend to any poore people, which shall aske relieke of victuals onely in the same Parish where such poore people doe dwell, so the same be in such time only, and according to such order and direction, as shal be made and appointed by the Churchwardens and Ouerseers of the poore of the same Parish, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act.

And further be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all penalties and forfeitures before mentioned in this Act, shall goe and be imployed to the vse of the poore of the same Parish, and towardes a stocke and habitation for them, and other necessarie vses and relieke, as before in this Acte are mentioned and expressed, and shall be leuied by the sayd Churchwardens and Ouerseers, or one of them, by warrant from any two such

Justices of Peace by distresse and sale, as aforesayd, or in defect thereof, it shall bee lawfull for any two such Justices of Peace to commit the offender to prison, there to remaine without baile or mainprise, till the sayd forfeitures shall be satisfied and payed: And forasmuch as all begging is forbidden by this present Act:

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesayd, that the Justices of Peace of euery Countie or place corporate, or the more part of them in their generall Sessions to be holden, next after the end of this Session of Parliament, or in default thereof, at the Quarter Sessions to be holden, about the feast of Easter next, shall rate euery Parish to such a weekely summe of money as they shall thinke conuenient, so as no Parish be rated aboue the summe of sixe pence, nor vnder the summe of an halfepeny, weekely to be payed, and so as the totall summe of such taxation of the Parishes in euery Countie, amount not aboue the rate of two pence for euery Parish in the sayde Countie, which summes so taxed, shall be yeerely assessed by the agreement of the Parishioners within themselues, or in default thereof by the Churchwardens and Constables of the same Parish, or the more part of them, or in default of their agreement, by the order of such Justice or Justices of Peace as shall dwell in the same Parish, or (if none be there dwelling) in the parts next adioyning: And if any person shall refuse, or neglect to pay any such portion of money so taxed, it shall be lawfull for the sayd Churchwardens and Constables, or in their default, for the Justices of the Peace, to leuie the same by distresse, and sale of the goods of the partie so refusing or neglecting, rendering to the partie the ouerplus, and in default of such distresse, it shall be lawful to any Justice of that limit, to commit such persons to prison, there to abide without baile or mainprise, till he haue payed the same.

And be it also enacted, that the sayde Justices of the Peace, at their generall Quarter Sessions to be holden at the time of such taxation, shall set downe what competent summe of money shall bee sent quarterly out of euery Countie or place corporate, for the releefe of the poore prisoners of the Kings Bench and Marshalsey, and also of such Hospitalles and Almes houses, as shall be in the sayd Countie, and what summes of money shall bee sent to euery one of the sayde Hospitals and Almes houses, so as there bee sent out of euery Countie yeerely twentie shillings at the least, to the sayde prisoners of the Kings Bench and Marshalsey, which summes ratably to be assessed vpon euery Parish, the Churchwardens of euery Parish shall truely collect and pay ouer to the high

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Conſtable, in whoſe diuiſion ſuch pariſh ſhall bee ſcituate from time to time quarterly, ten daies before the end of euery quarter: and euery ſuch Conſtable at euery ſuch Quarter Seſſions in ſuch Countie, ſhall pay ouer the ſame to two ſuch Juſtices of the Peace, or to one of them, as ſhall be by the more part of the Juſtices of Peace of the Countie, elected to be Treaſurers of the ſaide Collection, which Treaſurers in euery Countie ſo choſen, ſhall continue but for the ſpace of one whole yeere, and then giue vp their charge with a due accompt of their receits and diſburſements at their meeting in the Quarter Seſſions, to bee holden after the feaſt of Eaſter in euery yeere, to ſuch others as ſhall from yeere to yeere in forme aforeſaide, ſucceſſiuely bee elected, which ſaid Treaſurers, or one of them, ſhall pay ouer the ſame to the Lord chiefe Juſtice of England, and Knight Marſhall for the time being, equally to be diuided to the vſe aforeſayde, taking their acquitances for the ſame, or in default of the ſaide chiefe Juſtice, to the next ancienteſt Juſtice of the Kings bench, as aforeſaide. And if any Churchwarden or high Conſtable, or his executors, or adminiſtrators, ſhall faile to make payment in forme aboue ſpecified, then euery Churchwarden, his executors or adminiſtrators ſo offending, ſhall forfaite for euery time, the ſumme of ten ſhillings, and euery high Conſtable, his executors or adminiſtrators, ſhall forfaite for euery time the ſumme of twentie ſhillings, the ſame forfeitures together with ỹ ſummes behinde, to be leuied by the ſaide Treaſurer and Treaſurers by way of diſtreſſe, and ſale of the goods as aforeſaid, in forme aforeſaid, and by them to bee imployed, towards the charitable vſes compriſed in this Act.

And bee it further enacted, that al the ſurpluſage of money which ſhall be remaining in the ſaid ſtocke of any Countie, ſhall by diſcretion of the more part of the Juſtices of Peace in their Quarter Seſſions, bee ordered, diſtributed and beſtowed for the reliefe of the poore Hoſpitals of that Countie, and of thoſe that ſhal ſuſtaine loſſes by fire, water, the Sea or other caſualties, and to ſuch other charitable purpoſes, for the reliefe of the poore, as to the more part of the ſaide Juſtices of Peace ſhall ſeeme conuenient.

And be it further enacted, that if any Treaſurer ſhall wilfully refuſe to take vpon him the ſaide office of Treaſurerſhip, or refuſe to diſtribute and giue reliefe according to ſuch forme as ſhall bee appointed by the more part of the ſayde Juſtices of Peace, that then it ſhall be lawfull for the Juſtices of Peace in their quarter Seſſions, or in their default for the Juſtices of Aſſize, at the Aſſizes to be holden in the ſame Countie, to fine the ſame Treaſurer by their diſcretion: the ſame fine to be leuied by ſale of his goods,

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and to bee prosecuted by any two of the sayde Justices of Peace whom they shall authorize.

Prouided alwayes neuertheless, that euery Souldier being discharged of his seruice, or otherwise lawfully licensed to passe into his countrey, and not hauing wherwith to relieue himselfe in his trauels homewards, and euery Seafaring man landing from Sea, not hauing wherewith to relieue himselfe in his trauels homewards, hauing a testimonial vnder the hande of some one Justice of the Peace, of, or neere the place where he landed or was discharged, setting downe therein the place & time, where, and when he landed, or was discharged, and the place of the parties dwelling or birth, vnto which hee is to passe, and a conuenient time therein to be limited for his passage, shal and may without incurring the danger or penaltie of this Acte in the vsuall wayes, directly to the place vnto which he is directed to passe, and within the time in such his testimoniall limited for his passage, aske and receiue such relefe as shall bee necessary, in, and for his passage: this Acte or any thing therein conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes that this Acte shall indure no longer then to the end of the next Session of Parliament.

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An Act for punishment of Rogues, Vagabonds, and sturdie Beggers.

The iiij. Chapter.

FOr the suppressing of Rogues, Vagabonds and sturdie Beggers, Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that from and after the feast of Easter next comming, all statutes heretofore made for the punishment of Rogues, Vagabonds, or sturdie Beggers, or for the erection or maintenance of houses of correction or touching the same, shall forsomuch as concerneth the same be vtterly repealed: And that from and after the sayd feast of Easter, from time to time it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Justices of Peace of any Countie or Citie in this Realme or the Dominions of Wales, assembled at any Quarter Sessions of the Peace within the same Countie, Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, or the more part of them, to set downe order to erect, and to cause to be erected one or more houses of Correction within their seuerall Counties or Cities: for the doing and performing whereof, and for the prouiding of stocks of money, and all other things necessary for the same, and for raising and gouerning of the same, and for correction and punishment of offenders thither to be committed, such orders as the same Justices, or the more part of them, shall from time to time take, reforme, or set downe in any their sayd Quarter Sessions in that behalfe, shall be of force, and be duely performed and put in execution.

And be it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, That all persons calling themselues Schollers, going about begging, all Seafaring men, pretending losses of their ships or goods on the Sea, going about the countrey begging, All idle persons, going about in any countrey, either begging or vsing any subtile craft, or vnlawful games and playes, or fayning themselues to haue knowledge in Physlognomy, Palmestry, or other like craftie science, or pretending that they can tell destinies, fortunes, or such other like fantasticall imaginations: All persons

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that be, or vtter themselues to be proctors, procurers, patent gatherers, or Collectors for gaoles, prisons, or Hospitals: All fencers, Bearewards, common Players of Interludes, and Minstrels, wandering abroad (other then players of Interludes belonging to any Baron of this Realme, or any other honourable personage of greater degree, to be authorized to play vnder the hand and Seale of Armes of such Baron or personage) All Jugglers, Tinckers, Pedlers, and petie Chapmen wandering abroad, All wandering persons, and common Labourers, being persons able in bodie, liuing loytering, and refusing to worke for such reasonable wages, as is taxed or commonly giuen in such parts, where such persons doe, or shall happen to dwell or abide, not hauing liuing otherwise to maintaine themselues, All persons deliuered out of gaoles that begge for their fees, or otherwise doe trauaile begging: All such persons as shall wander abroad begging, pretending losses by fire, or otherwise: And all such persons not being felons, wandering and pretending themselues to be Egyptians, or wandering in the habite, forme, or attire of counterfeit Egyptians, shall be taken, adiudged and deemed Rogues, Vagabonds, and sturdy beggers, and shall susteine such paine and punishments, as by this Acte is in that behalfe appointed.

And be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that euerie person which is by this present Acte declared to bee a Rogue, Vagabond, or sturdie begger, which shall bee at any time after the said feast of Easter next comming, taken begging, bagrant, wandering or misordering themselues in any part of this Realme or the Dominion of Wales, shall vpon their apprehension by the appointment of any Iustice of the Peace, Constable, Headborough or Tythingman of the same Countie, Hundred, Parish, or Tything, where such person shall bee taken, the Tythingman or Headborough, being assisted therein with the aduise of the Minister, and one other of that Parish, bee stripped naked from the middle vpwards, and shall bee openly whipped vntil his or her body be bloody: and shall be forth with sent from Parish to Parish, by the Officers of euery the same, the next straight way to the Parish where he was borne, if the same may bee knowen by the parties confession or otherwise. And if the same bee not knowen, then to the Parish where hee or shee last dwelt before the same punishment by the space of one whole yere, there to put him, or her selfe to labour as a true subiect ought to doe: Or not being knowen where hee or shee was borne or last dwelt, then to the Parish through which hee or shee last passed without punishment. After which whipping the same person shall haue a testimoniall subscribed with the hand, & sealed with

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the seale of the same Iustice of the peace, constable, headborough or tithingman, & of the Minister of the same parish, or of any two of them, testifying that the same person hath bene punished according to this act, and mentioning the day & place of his or her punishment, and the place whereunto such person is limited to goe, and by what time the sayde person is limited to passe thither at his perill. And if the said person through his or her default do not accomplish the order appointed by the sayd testimoniall, then to be eftsoones taken and whipped, and so as often as any default shalbe found in him or her contrary to the forme of this statute, in euery place to be whipped, til such person be repaired to the place limited: The substance of which testimoniall shalbe registred by the minister of that parish, in a booke to be prouided for that purpose, vpon paine to forfeit fiue shillings for euery default thereof, and the partie so whipped, and not knowen where he or she was borne, or last dwelt by the space of a yere, shal by the officers of the sayd Village where he or she so last past thorow without punishment, bee conueyed to the house of Correction of the limit wherein the said Village standeth, or to the common gaole of that countie or place, there to remaine and be imployed in worke, vntill he or she shall be placed in some seruice, & so to continue by the space of one yere, or not being able of body, vntill he or she shalbe placed to remaine in some Almeshouse in the same County or place.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, if any of the said Rogues shall appeare to be dangerous to the inferior sort of people where they shalbe taken, or otherwise be such as will not be reformed of their rogish kind of life by the former prouisions of this act, That in euery such case it shall and may be lawfull to the sayd Iustices of the limit where any such Rogue shall be taken, or any two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, to commit that Rogue to the house of Correction, or otherwise to the gaole of the Countie, there to remaine vntill their next quarter Sessions to be holden in that Countie, and then such of the same Rogues so committed, as by the Iustices of the Peace then and there present, or the most part of them, shalbe thought fit not to be deliuered, shall and may lawfully by the same Iustices or the most part of them, bee banished out of this Realme, & all other the dominions thereof, and at the charges of that Countrey, shall be conueyed vnto such parts beyond ỳ seas as shall be at any time hereafter for that purpose assigned by the priuy Councell vnto her Maiesty, her heires or successors, or by any fiue or more of them, whereof the L. Chancellor, or L. Keeper of the great Seale, or the L. Treasurer for the time being to be one, Or otherwise be iudged perpetually to the Gallies of this Realme, as by the same Iustices or the most part of them it shall be thought fit and expedient. And if any such

Rogue so banished as aforesaid shal returne againe into any part of this Realme or dominion of Wales without lawful licence or warrant so to do, that in euery such case such offence shalbe felonie, & the partie offending therin suffer death as in case of felony: The said felony to be heard & determined in that Countie of this Realme or Wales, in which the offender shall be apprehended.

And be it also enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that if any towne, parish, or village, the Cõstable, Headborough or Tithingman be negligent & doe not his or their best indeuours for the apprehension of such vagabõd, rogue or sturdy beggar, which there shalbe found contrary to the forme of this present act, & to cause euery of thẽ to be punished & conueied according to ỹ true meaning of this present act, that then the said constable, headborough or tithingman, in whõ such default shall be, shal lose & forfeit for euery such default x.s. And also if any person or persons doe in any wise disturbe or let ỹ execution of this law or any part therof, concerning the punishmẽt or conueying of rogues, vagabonds, sturdy beggars, or the relieue or setling of poore impotent persons in any maner of wise, or make rescuse against any officer or person authorized by this present act for the due execution of any the premisses, ỹ same person so offending, shal forfeit & lose for euery such offence the summe of v.li. & shalbe bound to the good behauiour.

And be it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons hauing charge in any voyage, in passing frõ the realmes of Ireland or Scotland, or from the Isle of Man into this realm of England, do wittingly or willingly bring or conuey, or suffer to be brought or conueied in any vessel or boat from and out of the said realm of Ireland, Scotlãd, or isle of Man, into the realm of Englãd or Wales or any part therof, any vagabond, rogue or beggar, or any such as shalbe forced or very like to liue by begging within the realme of England or Wales, being borne in the same realms or Island, on paine of euery such person so offending, to forfeit & lose for euery such vagabond, rogue, beggar, or other person like to liue by begging xx.s. to the vse of ỹ poore of the said parish in which they were set on land. And if any such Mannish, scotting or Irish rogue, vagabond or beggar, bee already, or shal at anytime hereafter be set on land, or shal come into any part of England or Wales, ỹ same after he or she shalbe punished as aforesaid, shalbe conueied to ỹ next port or parish in or neere which they were landed or first came, in such sort as rogues are appointed to be by this present act, & from thence to be transported at the common charge of the countrey where they were set on land, into those parts from whence they came or were brought. And that euery Constable, Headborough and Tithingman neglecting the due performance thereof shall forfeit for euery such offence x.s.

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Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no diseased or impotent poore person shall at any time resort or repaire from their dwelling places to the city of Bath, or towne of Burton, or either of them to the Bathes there for the ease of their griefes, vnlesse such person doe forbeare to begge, and be licensed to passe thither by two Justices of the peace of the County where such person doth or shal then dwel or remaine, and prouided for to trauaile with such relieke, for & towards his or her maintenance as shal be necessary for the same person, for the time of such his or her trauell, & abode at the city of Bath & towne of Burton, or either of them, and returne thence, and shal returne home again as shalbe limited by ỹ said licence, vpon paine to be reputed, punished and vsed as rogues, vagabondes, and sturdy beggers declared by this present Acte. And that the inhabitants of the same Citie of Bath, and towne of Burton shall not in any wise be charged by this Act with the finding or relieke of any such poore people.

Prouided alwayes that the Justices of Peace within any County of this Realme or Wales, shal not intromit or enter into any Citie, borough, or townes corporate, where be any Justice or Justices of the Peace for any such City, borough or towne corporate for the execution of any branch, article or sentence of this Acte, for or concerning any offence, matter or cause growing or arising within the precincts, liberties or iurisdictions of such Citie, borough, or townes corporate, But that it may and shall bee lawfull to the Justice and Justices of the Peace, Maiors, Bayliffes, and other head Officers of those Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, where there be such Justices of the Peace to proceed to the execution of this Act, within the precinct and compasse of their liberties in such maner and forme as the Justices of Peace in any Countie may or ought to doe within the same Countie, by vertue of this Acte, Any thing in this Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes that this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to the poore people for the time being, in the Hospital, called S. Thomas Hospitall, otherwise called the Kings Hospital in the Borough of Southwarke neere adioyning to the Citie of London, but that the Maior, comminalty and citizens of the said Citie of London for the time being, shal and may haue the rule, order and gouernment of the said Hospitall, and of the poore people therein for the time being, any thing in this Acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies that this Acte or any thing therein contayned or any authority thereby giuen, shall not in any wise extende to disinherite, preiudice or hinder Iohn Dutton of Dutton, in the Countie of Chester Esquire, his heires or assignes, for, touching

or concerning any libertie, preheminence, authority, iurisdiction or inheritance, which the saide Iohn Dutton now lawfully vseth, or hath, or lawfully may or ought to vse within the Countie Palantine of Chester, and the County of the Citie of Chester, or either of them by reason of any auncient Charters of any Kings of this lande, or by reason of any prescription, vsage, or title, whatsoeuer.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all fines & forfeitures appointed or to grow by this present Act, (except such as are otherwise limited and appointed by this present Act) shall wholly go and be imployed to the vse of the reparations and maintenance of the said houses of Correction, and stocke and store thereof, or reliefe of the poore where the offence shal be committed at the discretion of the Iustices of the Peace of the same limit, citie, borough or towne corporate: And that all fines and forfeitures appointed or to grow by conuiction of any person according to this present Acte, shall by warrant vnder the hands and seales of any two or more of the Iustices of the Peace of the same Countie, citie, borough or towne corporate, be leuied by distresse and sale of the goods and chattels of the offendor, which sale shall be good in the Lawe against such offendor. And that if any of the said offences shalbe confessed by the offendor, or that the same shal be proued by two sufficient & lawfull witnesses, before such two or more Iustices of the Peace, That then euery such person shall forthwith stand and be in the Law conuicted thereof.

And be it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that any two or more Iustices of the Peace within all the said seueral Shires, cities, boroughes or townes corporate, whereof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue full power by authoritie of this present Acte, to heare and determine all causes that shall growe or come in question by reason of this Acte.

And be it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the Lord Chancellor or Keeper of the great seale of England for the time being, shall and may at all times hereafter by vertue of this present Act, without further warrant, make, & direct Commission or Commissions vnder the great Seale of Englande, to any person or persons, giuing them or some of them thereby authoritie, as well by the oathes of good and lawfull men, as of witnesses or examination of parties, or by any other lawfull wayes or meanes whatsoeuer, to enquire what summes of money or other things haue bene or shall be collected or gathered for, or towards the erection of any houses of Correction, or any stockes or other things to set poore on worke, or for the maintenance thereof at any time after the seuenteenth day of Nouember, in the eighteenth yere of the reigne of the Queenes most excellent Maiestie,

teſtie, and by whom the ſame were or ſhalbe collected or gathered, and to whoſe hands commen, and to what vſe, & by whoſe direction the ſame was or ſhalbe imployed. And to call all & euery ſuch perſon and perſons, and their ſureties, and euery of their executors or adminiſtrators to an accompt: And to compell them and euery of them by attachment of their goods or bodies to appeare before them for the ſame, & to heare and determine the ſame, and to leuie ſuch mony and things as they ſhall find not to haue bene duly imploied vpon the ſaid houſes of Correction, or ſtocks, or vpon other like vſes, hauing in ſuch other like vſes reſpect of things paſt by the ſaid Cõmiſſioners to be allowed of, either by diſtreſſe and ſale of the goods & chattels of ſuch perſons as they ſhal think fit to be chargeable or anſwerable for ỹ ſame, or by impriſonment of their bodies at their diſcretion: And that the ſayd Commiſſioners ſhall haue full power & authoritie to execute the ſame Commiſſion according to the tenor and purport thereof: And that all their proceedings, doings, iudgements & executions by force and authoritie thereof, ſhall be and remaine good & auaileable in the law: which ſaid mony ſo leuied by the ſaid Commiſſioners, ſhalbe deliuered & imploied for the erecting or maintenance of the ſame.

Prouided alwayes neuertheleſſe, that euery Seafaring man ſuffering ſhipwracke, not hauing wherewith to relieue himſelfe in his trauails homewards, but hauing a teſtimonial vnder the hand of ſome one Iuſtice of the peace, of, or neere the place where he landed, ſetting downe therein the place and time where and when he landed, and the place of the parties dwelling or birth, vnto which he is to paſſe, and a conuenient time therein to be limited for his paſſage, ſhall and may without incurring the danger and penaltie of this Acte in the vſuall wayes directly to the place vnto which he is directed to paſſe, and within the time in ſuch his teſtimonial limited for his paſſage, aſke and receiue ſuch reliefe as ſhall be neceſſary, in, and for his paſſage.

Prouided alſo, that this Statute nor any thing therein contained, ſhall extend to any children vnder the age of ſeuen yeeres, nor to any ſuch Glaſſemen as ſhall be of good behauiour, and doe trauaile in or through any Countrey without begging, hauing licence for their trauelling vnder the handes and ſeales of three Iuſtices of the Peace of the ſame Countie where they trauell, whereof one to be of the Quorum.

And be it alſo further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, that this preſent Act ſhall be proclaimed in the next quarter Seſſion or Seſſions in euery County, and in ſuch other market Townes or places, as by the more part of the Iuſtices of the Peace in the ſayd Seſſions ſhalbe agreed and appointed. This Act to endure to the end of the firſt Seſſion of the next Parliament.

An acte for erecting of Hoſpitals, or abiding and working Houſes for the poore.

The v. Chapter.

WHereas at the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, Prouiſion was made aſwell for maimed Souldiers, by Collection in euery Pariſh, as for other poore, that it ſhould bee lawfull for euery perſon, during twenty yeeres next after the ſayde Parliament, by Feoffement, will in writing, or other aſſurance to giue and bequeath in Fee ſimple as well to the vſe of the poore, as for the prouiſion, ſuſtentation, or maintenance of any houſe of correction or abiding houſes, or of any ſtockes or ſtores, all or any part of his lands, tenements, or hereditaments: Her moſt excellent Maieſtie vnderſtanding & finding that the ſaid good Law hath not taken ſuch effect as was intended, by reaſon that no perſon can erect or incorporate any Hoſpitall, houſes of correction or abiding places but her Maieſtie, or by her Highnes ſpecial licence by Letters patents vnder the great Seale of England in that behalfe to be obteined: Her Maieſtie graciouſly affecting the good ſucceſſe of ſo good and charitable workes, and that without often ſuit vnto her Maieſtie, and with as great eaſe and little charge as may bee, is of her Princely care and bleſſed diſpoſition to and for the reliefe and comfort of maymed Souldiers, Mariners, and other poore and impotent people, pleaſed and contented that it bee enacted by authoritie of this preſent Parliament: And bee it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that all and euery perſon and perſons, ſeiſed of an eſtate in Fee ſimple, their heires, executours or aſſignes, at his or their willes and pleaſures, ſhall haue full power, ſtrength, licence, and lawfull authoritie at any time during the ſpace of twentie yeeres next enſuing, by deede inrolled in the high Court of Chancerie, to erect, founde, and eſtabliſh one or more Hoſpitals, Meaſons de dieu, abiding places, or houſes of correction, at his or their will and pleaſure,

pleaſure, aſwell for the finding, ſuſtentation and relieſe of the maymed, poore, needie or impotent people, as to ſet the poore to worke, to haue continuance for euer, and from time to time to place therein ſuch head and members, and ſuch number of poore as to him, his heires and aſſignes ſhall ſeeme conuenient: And that the ſame Hoſpitals or houſes ſo founded, ſhall bee incorporated, and haue perpetuall Succeſſions for euer, in fact, deede and name, and of ſuch head, members, and numbers of poore, needy, maimed or impotent people, as ſhalbe appointed, aſſigned, limitted or named by the founder or founders, his or their heires, executors or aſſignes, by any ſuch deede inrolled: And that ſuch Hoſpital, Meaſon de Dieu, abiding place, or houſe of correction, and the perſons therein placed, ſhalbe incorporated, named and called by ſuch name as the ſaide founder or founders, his heires, executors or aſſignes ſhall ſo limite, aſſigne and appoint: And the ſame Hoſpitall, Meaſon de dieu, abiding place, or houſe of Correction ſo incorporated and named, ſhalbe a body corporate and politique, and ſhall by that name of Incorporation, haue full power, authoritie, and lawfull capacitie and abilitie to purchaſe, take, holde, receiue, enioy and haue to them and to their ſucceſſours for euer, aſwell goods and chattels, as Mannours, landes, tenements, and hereditaments, being freeholde of any perſon or perſons whatſoeuer: ſo that the ſame exceede not the yeerely value of two hundred pounds aboue all charges and repriſes, to any one ſuch abiding houſe, Hoſpitall, Meaſon de dieu, or houſe of Correction: And ſo as the ſame or any part thereof bee not holden of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heires or Succeſſours, immediatly in chiefe, or els of our ſaide Soueraigne Lady the Queene, or any other perſon by Knight ſeruice, without licence or writ of Ad quod dampnum, or the Statute of Mortmain, or any other ſtatute or Law to the contrary notwithſtanding. And that the ſame Hoſpitall, Meaſon de dieu, abiding place, or houſe of Correction, and the perſons ſo being incorporated, founded and named, ſhall haue full power and lawfull authoritie by the true name of the incorporation thereof, to ſue and to be ſued, impleade and to bee impleaded, to anſwere and to bee anſwered vnto, in all maner of Courts and places that now are, or hereafter ſhall be within this Realme, aſwell Temporall as Spirituall, in all maner of ſuites whatſoeuer, and of what nature and kinde ſoeuer ſuch ſuites or actions be or ſhalbe: And that the ſame Hoſpitall, Meaſon de dieu, abiding houſe, or houſe of Correction, ſhall haue and enioy for euer ſuch a Common Seale or Seales, as by the ſaid Founder or founders, his or their heires, executors or aſſignes ſhalbe in writing vnder his or their hande and Seale aſſigned, named or appointed: whereby the ſame Corporation ſhall or may ſeale any

maner of Inſtrument touching the ſame incorporation, and the lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods or other things thereto belonging, or in any wiſe touching or concerning the ſame. And further ſhalbe ordered, directed & viſited, placed or vpon iuſt cauſe diſplaced by ſuch perſon or perſons, bodies politike or corporate, their heires, ſucceſſors or aſſignes, as ſhall be nominated or aſſigned by ỹ founder or founders thereof, their heires or aſſignes, according to ſuch rules, ſtatutes & ordinances, as ſhall be ſet forth, made, deuiſed or eſtabliſhed by the ſaid founder or founders, their heires or aſſignes in writing vnder his or their hand & ſeale, not being repugnant or contrary to the lawes and Statutes of this Realme, any law, ſtatute, cuſtome, vſage or other thing whatſoeuer to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtãding. And that it ſhall be lawful vnto the founder or founders, his & their heires or aſſignes, vpon the death or remouing of any head or member of any ſuch corporation, to place one other in the roome of him that dieth, or is remoued, ſucceſſiuely for euer.

Prouided alwayes, that all leaſes, graunts, conueyance or eſtates, to be made by any corporation ſo to be founded, as aforeſayd, exceeding the number of xxi. yeeres, and that in poſſeſſion, & whereupon the accuſtomable yeerely rent or more, by the greater part of xx. yeres next before the making of ſuch leaſe, ſhall not be reſerued and yerely paiable, ſhall be voyd. Sauing to all perſons, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and ſucceſſors (other then the founders and giuers, their heires and ſucceſſors) al ſuch right, title, claime, poſſeſſion, rents, ſeruices, commons, demaunds, intereſt & profits, which they or any of them ſhal haue, or of right ought to haue, of, in, or to any the lands, tenements or hereditaments hereafter to be giuen, limited or aſſigned in forme aforeſayd, in as ample maner, as if this Statute had neuer bene had or made.

Prouided alſo that this Acte, or any thing therein contained, ſhall not extend to enable any perſon or perſons being within age, women couert without their huſbands, or of not ſanę memoriæ, to make any ſuch corporation, or to endow the ſame: Any thing in this preſent Act to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes that no ſuch hoſpital, Meaſon de Dieu, abiding place or houſe of correction ſhalbe erected, founded, or incorporated by force of this Act, vnleſſe vpon the foundation or erection thereof, the ſame be endowed for euer with lands, tenements or hereditaments, of the cleare yeerely value of x.li. by the yeere.

Prouided alſo and be it further enacted, that no ſuch incorporation to bee founded by force of this Acte, ſhall at any time heereafter doe, or ſuffer to be done, any Acte or thing whereby

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or by meanes whereof any of the landes, tenements, hereditaments, stocke, goods or chattels of such Incorporation, or any estate, interest, possession, or propertie of or in the same or any of them shall be vested or transferred in or to any other whatsoeuer, contrary to the true meaning of this Acte: And that such construction shall be made vpon this Act as shall be most beneficiall and auaileable for the maintenance of the poore, and for repressing and auoyding of all Actes and deuices to be inuented, or put in vre contrary to the true meaning of this Acte.

An Acte to reforme

deceipts and breaches of trust touching Lands giuen to charitable vses.

The vj. Chapter.

WHereas diuerse Colleges, Hospitalles, Almes houses, and other places within this Realm of Englande, haue beene founded and ordeined, some of them by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, and by other her noble Progenitous, and some by other godly and well disposed persons, for the charitable relieue of poore, aged and impotent people, maimed souldiers, Schooles of learning, Orphans, and for such other good, charitable and lawfull purposes and intents: And where diuers lands, tenements, and hereditamentes, Leases, goods and chattels, haue beene giuen, limited and appointed for the like charitable, good and lawfull vses, intents and purposes: as also for reparation of high wayes, amendement of Bridges, and Sea bankes, for the maintenance of free schooles and poore schollers, as also for the relieue and preferment of Orphans and fatherlesse children, and such like good, lawfull and charitable vses: which lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods, Leases and chattels, haue beene and are still like to be most vnlawfully and vncharitably conuerted to the lucre and gaine of some few greedy and couetous persons, contra-

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rie to the true intent and meaning of the giuers and disposers thereof: to the ende such godly and charitable purposes and vses may be from hencefoorth obserued and continued, according to the true intent and meaning of the giuers and Fownders thereof, and according to the true intent and meaning of any the foresayde good, godly and charitable vses and intents: Be it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Ladie, the lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Lord Chancellor, or Keeper of the great Seale of England for the time being, and for the Chancellor of the Dutchie of Lancaster for the time being, for landes within the County palantine of Lancaster from time to time to award Cõmissions vnder the great seale of England, or the seale of the County Palantine as the case shall require, into all or any part or partes of this Realme, respectiuely according to their seuerall iurisdictions as aforesayde, to the Bishop of euery seuerall Dioces and his Chancellor, and to other persons of good & sound behauiour, authorizing them thereby to enquire as well by the othes of twelue lawfull men of the Countie, as by all other good and lawfull wayes and meanes of all & singular such gifts, limitations and purposes, and of the abuses & misdemeanors, misimploiments, kalities defrauding of the trusts, intents & purposes, alienations or misgouernments, which haue bene had, or at any time hereafter shalbe had or made, and of al and euery other matter, thing or cause, whereby or by meanes wherof the good and godly vses aforesayd, cannot or may not be maintained, executed and performed, according to the true intent and meaning of the donours or Founders, and according to the true intent and meaning of any the aforesayd good, godly & charitable vses & intents: And after such inquiry made, vpon hearing and examining therof, to set downe such orders, iudgement and decrees, as the sayde good, godly and charitable vses may be truly obserued in ful, ample and most liberall sort, according to the true intent and meaning of the Founders, or Donours thereof. Which orders, iudgements and decrees, not being contrary or repugnant to the orders, statutes, or decrees of the Donours or Founders, shall by the authoritie of this present Parliament, stand firme and good according to the tenour and purport thereof.

Prouided alwayes that neither this Act, nor any thing therin cõteined, shal in any waies extend to any Colleges, Hals, or houses of learning within ỹ Uniuersities of Oxford or Cambridge, or to ỹ colleges of Westminster, Eaton, or Winchester, or any of thẽ, nor to the lands, reuenues or possessions therunto belõging: neither to any cathedral Church within this realm of England, nor

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Prouided also that neither this Act, nor any thing therin, shal extend to any citie or Towne corporate, or to any the lands or tenements, giuen to the vses aforesayde within any such Citie or towne corporate, where there is a spectall Gouernour or Gouernours, appointed to gouerne or direct such Lands, tenements or things disposed to any the vses aforesaid: neither to any Colledge, Hospital or free Schoole, which haue speciall Visitors or Gouernors, or ouerseers appointed them by their Founders.

Prouided also, & be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that neither this acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shall bee any way prejudicial or hurtfull to the iurisdiction or power of the Ordinary: but that he may lawfully in euery cause execute and performe the same, as though this Act had neuer bene had or made.

Prouided also, that no person or persons that hath, or shal haue any of the lands, tenements, or hereditamẽts, goods or chattels, giuen, limited or appointed to or for any the vses, purposes or intents aforesaide, shall intermeddle as a Commissioner in any the causes aforesaid.

Prouided alwayes, and it is further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that all such Orders, Judgements and decrees, as shalbe so set downe by the said Commissioners as is aforesaid, shal be certified vnder the seales of the saide Commissioners, either into the Court of the Chancerie of England, or into the Court of the Chancery within the County Palatine of Lancaster, as the case shal require respectiuely, according to their seueral iurisdictions within such conuenient time as shalbe limited in the saide Commissions: And that the said Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper, and the saide Chancellor of the Duchie, shall and may within their said seueral iurisdictions, take such order for the due execution of al or any of the saide iudgements, decrees and orders, as to either of them shal seeme fit and conuenient. And that if after any such Certificate or Certificates made, any person or persons shal finde themselues grieued with any of the said Orders, Judgements or Decrees, That then it shal and may be lawful to and for them, or any of them to complaine in that behalfe vnto the saide Lorde Chancellor or L. Keeper, or to the Chanceller of the said Dutchie of Lancaster, according to their seuerall iurisdictions for redresse therein: And that vpon such complaint the said L. Chanceller or L. Keeper, or the saide Chanceller of the Dutchie may according to their saide seueral iurisdictions proceede to the examination, hearing, and determining hereof as to either of them in their said seueral iurisdictions shall be thought to stande with equitie and good conscience: Any thing in this Act conteined to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

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The vij. Chapter.



FOR the better and more speedie payment and satisfaction of her Maiesties debts & dueties from officers and accountants, Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that one act made in the seuen and twentieth yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, intituled, An act for the explanation of the statute made An. xiij. of the Queens Maiesties reigne, intituled, An Acte to make the Landes, Tenements, goods and chattels of Tellers, Receiuers, &c. liable to the paiment of their debts, shall from henceforth be repealed and of no effect. And that one other act made in the foureteenth yere of her Maiesties reigne, intituled, An Acte against the deceit of Undercollectors of the Tenthes and Subsidies of the Cleargie, shall be likewise from henceforth repealed and made void. And that the sayde Acte made in the thirteenth yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, in euery part thereof touching the power giuen by that Act vnto her Highnesse, her heires and successors, to make sale of any the lands, tenements or hereditaments, by the same Acte limited to be solde, is, shall and ought to be expounded and intended aswell in case where the sale is to be made after the death of such Accountant or Debtour, as where it is to be made in his or their life time: And also as well in case where the account is made, and the debt knowen, within eight yeeres after the death of such Accountant or Debtour, as where the same account

compt is made, or debt knowen in the life time of the sayde Accomptant or Debter. And that no person shall bee expounded a Debter within the meaning and intent of this Act, but such only as haue bene, are, or shalbe farmer or farmers of any Customs, Subsidies, or Impostes, Prisage, Butlerage, or other dueties within any Port of the Realme, and such Officers and Accomptants hereafter in this Acte mentioned and expressed, as vpon their accompts finished and determined (all his and their due and reasonable petitions being allowed) shall remaine Debter, vpon the foot of his and their accompts: Any ambiguitie or question that hath risen or growen, or may arise, grow, or may be conceiued vpon the letter of the same Acte of the thirteenth yere, or of this present Act, to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that after one yeere next after the accompt hereafter to be made, or the debt or duty hereafter to be knowen of any Treasurer, Receiuer, Teller, Customer, Farmers of impostes, or other person or debtor, named or mentioned in the sayd Acte, made in the xiii. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, and hereafter mentioned and expressed (all his and their due and reasonable petitions vpon the same accompt finished, or debt knowen being allowed,) And for accompts heretofore made, or debts knowen of any such accomptant or debter aboue sayd, after one yeere next following after the end of this present Session of Parliament, it shall and may be lawfull to and for our soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heires and successors, for and towards the satisfaction of the sayd debt or duty, or of so much thereof as shall then be vnpayd, by letters patents vnder the great Seale of England, to sell, conuey and assure such & so much of the manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, which any such officer, farmer, debter, or person accomptable, at any time since the second day of April, in the sayd xiii. yere of her Maiesties reigne, had, or hereafter shal haue, from or during such time as such person or persons were, are, or shalbe such officer or officers, farmer, debter, or person accomptable as aforesayd, vnto her Maiesty, or which otherwise are to be sold for the same, by the true intent and meaning of the said act, made in the xiii yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, as shal suffice our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, her heires & successors, for the satisfaction of his or their debt or duety. And if any ouerplus of money shalbe had vpon any such sale, that then the same shalbe deliuered & payd presently vpon request, without other petition to be made for the same, to the party or parties, whose land shall be solde, his or their heires, out of the receit of her Maiesties Exchequer, by warrant of the Lord Treasourer, or Undertreasourer

ſoꝛer of the Exchequer foꝛ ꝧ time being, without other warrant from her Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſours, and without any fees oꝛ charges to bee payd foꝛ the ſame, And that euery ſale, conueyance and aſſurance ſo to be made by her Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſoꝛs, ſhalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, as if the ſame were oꝛ had bene made by any ſuch officer, fermoꝛ, debtoꝛ oꝛ perſon accomptant foꝛ money oꝛ other valuable cõſideration, by bargaine & ſale, deede inrolled, feoffement, recouery, with ſingle oꝛ double voucher, oꝛ by all oꝛ any of them: And ſhall alſo binde and barre onely euery ſuch officer, fermoꝛ, debtoꝛ and perſon accomptable, and his and their heires, and all other clayming by, from, oꝛ vnder them oꝛ any of them, after ſuch time as hee oꝛ they became, oꝛ ſhall become officer, fermoꝛ, debtoꝛ oꝛ perſon accomptable, as is afoꝛeſaide, and all & euery other perſon and perſons, their heires and ſucceſſoꝛs, which any ſuch officer, fermoꝛ, debtoꝛ oꝛ perſon accomptable, might haue barred, oꝛ may barre by any ſuch recouery, and all ſuch whoſe lands are to be ſold by the true intent and meaning of the ſaid Acte of the thirteenth yeere, and all perſons clayming from, by oꝛ vnder them, & ſhal alſo bee good and auaileable againſt the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſoꝛs, and all other perſons clayming from, by oꝛ vnder her Maieſtie, her heires oꝛ ſucceſſoꝛs, foꝛ oꝛ by reaſon of any foꝛmer charge, oꝛ other incumbꝛance to her Maieſty, her heires and ſucceſſoꝛs, by the perſon oꝛ perſons, foꝛ whoſe debt oꝛ duety the ſame ſhall happen to be ſold.

Pꝛouided alwayes and bee it enacted, that ſuch ſale, conueyance oꝛ aſſurance, which ſhall at any time hereafter bee had oꝛ made by vertue of this Acte, oꝛ of the ſayde Acte of the thirteenth yeere of her Maieſties reigne, ſhall not impeache oꝛ auoyde any demiſe, leaſe, oꝛ graunt heretofoꝛe made, oꝛ hereafter to be made by the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires oꝛ ſucceſſoꝛs of any ſuch lands, tenements oꝛ hereditaments, which ſhalbe ſold, conueyed oꝛ aſſured, as is afoꝛeſaid, oꝛ of any part thereof, any otherwiſe, oꝛ in any other ſoꝛt, maner oꝛ foꝛme, then the ſame ſhould haue bene auoyded oꝛ impeached by the oꝛdinary courſe of the common Lawe, if her Maieſtie, her heires oꝛ ſucceſſours had bene, oꝛ ſhall be fully ſatiſfied of ſuch debt oꝛ duetie, foꝛ which any ſuch lands, tenements oꝛ hereditaments ſhalbe ſold, conueyed, oꝛ aſſured by vertue of this Act, oꝛ of the ſaid Act of the xiii. yere of her Highnes reigne, any thing herein conteined to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

And be it further enacted by the authoꝛitie afoꝛeſaide, that aſwel this Act and euery clauſe therein contained, as the ſaid Acte made in the thirteenth yeere of her Highneſſe reigne, and euery clauſe therein conteined, ſhall extende to all maner of vnder Collectoꝛs

lectors of Tenths and Subsidies of the Clergie, which haue bene, now bee, or hereafter shall bee, for satisfying of such money as any such vndercollector hath collected, or shall collect of the saide Tenths and Subsidies, in as ample wise, as if euery such vndercollector were immediatly accomptant to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors. And that euery such vndercollector, shall vpon processe to bee awarded out of the Court of Exchequer of our said Soueraigne Lady, her heires and successors, be chargeable to accompt for his receipt of such Tenths and Subsidies, as any Receiuer immediatly accomptant to her Maiestie is or ought to be. And that euery Archbishop, & bishop and their heires, executors and assignes, and Deane and Chapter sede vacante, to whose charge the collection of such Tenthes or Subsidies doth or shall appertaine, shalbe discharged of so much of the said Tenthes and Subsidies, as shall be satisfied to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, of or by the Landes, tenements, hereditaments, goods or chattels, of such vndercollector or his heires, without any other warrant whatsoeuer, or charge in that behalfe to be obteined or sustained.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that this Act or any thing therein conteined, or the said Acte of the thirteenth yeere, or any thing therein conteined, shall not impeach or auoyde any Sale, Lease, Dimise, Graunt, Charge, Extent, execution, or other assurance made before the beginning of this Parliament bona fide by any such person so accomptable or indebted as is aforesayd, or by his heires, or by any person or persons clayming bona fide, from, by, or vnder them or any of them, nor shall extend to auoyd any Lease or Dimise, not exceeding the terme of one and twentie yeeres or three liues, whereupon so much yerely rent hath or shalbe reserued and yeerely payable during euery such Lease and Dimise, as at any time within twentie yeeres next before the making of such Dimise or Lease, hath or shalbe yeelded or payed for the same, nor to auoyd any Lease for yeeres determinable vpon three liues or vnder made or to be made, wherupon such yerely rent is or shall be reserued as is aforesaid. Nor to auoyd any Customary estate, made or to be made, according to the custome of the manner, whereof such Customary lands so let or dimised are parcell.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that this Act shall extend onely to such as sithence the beginning of the Queenes Maiesties reigne haue bene, nowe are, or shall be Treasorer, Tellor or Receiuor, or vsing, exercising, or hauing the office of Treasorer, Tellor or Receiuor, in or belonging to any of the Queenes Maiesties Courts of Exchequer, Wardes and Liueries, or Duchie of Lancaster, Treasurer of the Chamber, Cofferer of the houshold,

Treasorer for the warres, Treasorer of any Fort, Towne or Castle where any garison is, or shall be kept, Treasorer of the Admiraltie or Nauie, Treasorer, vndertreasorer, or other person accomptable to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, for any office or charge of, or within the mint, and others exercising or hauing any office or offices, of Treasourer or Receiuer of any summe of money for prouision of victuals, or for fortifications, buildings or works, or for any other prouisions to be vsed in any the offices of the Queenes Maiesties Ordinances and Artillerie, Armorie, Wardrobe, Tentes and Pauilions, or Reuels, Customer, Collector, Fermor of Impostes, Customes, Subsidies, Butlerage, Prisage, or other dueties within any Port of the Realme, Collector or vndercollector of Tenths & Subsidies of the Clergie, Collector of any Subsidie or fifteene, Receiuor generall or particuler of the Reuenues of any Countie or Counties answerable in the receipt of the Exchequer, or in the Courts of Wards & Liueries, or Duchie of Lancaster, Clerke of the Hamper, and other person or persons vsually or ordinarily and voluntarily exercising, vsing or hauing any office of Receipts, or vsually or ordinarily and voluntarily, taking vpon him as an officer of any Receipts and to none other.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that the saide Acte of the thirteenth, or this Acte or any thing therein conteined, shall not extend to the sale of the lands, tenements or hereditaments of any officer, accomptant or debtor, or of his or their heire or heires, or of any other person claiming from, by, or vnder them or any of them, for or by reason of any accompt, debt or farme, whereof any such debtor or accomptant, his or their heires, executors or administrators, haue or shal haue a quietus est, or other vsual discharge, vpon the declaration of his and their accompt, according to the vsuall order of the said Court of Exchequer.

Prouided also and bee it enacted, that this Acte or any thing therein conteined, shall not extend to giue any power or authoritie to make any sale, conueyance or assurance of any Mannors, landes, tenements or hereditaments of any Archbishop, Bishop, Deane & Chapter, or of any other Ecclesiasticall person, whereof he or they, or any of them, be or hereafter shalbe seised in the right of his or their Bishopricke, Church, or other corporation Ecclesiasticall whatsoeuer.

Prouided alwaies & be it enacted, ỹ the said Act of ỹ xiii. or this act, shal not extẽd to ỹ sale, cõueiance, or assurance of any manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments for any debt being installed.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that this Act shall not extende to charge any Shiriffe, Eschetor, or Bailife of Liberties, nor any of their heires or assignes, nor to the sale of the landes,

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tenements or Hereditaments of any Shirife, Eſchetor or Bailife of liberties, nor of any their heires or aſſignes for any thing touching his or their office of Shirifwicke, Eſchetorſhip, or Bailiwicke, nor for any money or other thing, by them or any of them by reaſon of any of their ſayde offices, otherwiſe, or in any other maner then they or any of them might lawfully haue bene charged before the making of this Acte, or of the ſayd Acte of the thirteenth yeere of her Maieſties reigne, any thing heerein conteined to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And be it further enacted, that if the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſors, ſhall by any ſale, conueyance or aſſurance of any manours, lands, tenements or hereditaments by force of the ſaid Act of the thirteenth or of this Act, or by other matter, appearing of Record, be fully ſatiſfied of the debt or arrerages of any ſuch officer, accomptant or debtor, or of any part thereof: Then the ſureties of ſuch officer, accomptant or debtor, and other perſon or perſons bound, or to be bound for ſuch accomptant or debtor in that behalfe, ſhall be diſcharged of ſo much of the ſayd debt, forfeiture and arrerages, as ſo ſhalbe ſatiſfied, and for the reſidue onely, ſhall be ratably according to their abilities charged, Any thing in this Acte, or in any other Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that the ſayd Act of the thirteenth yeere, or this Act or any thing therein conteined ſhall not extend to giue any power or authoritie to make ſale, conueyance or aſſurance of any manours, lands, tenements, or hereditaments of the Maſter and Lieutenant of the Ordinance, Maſter of the horſe, Maſter of the Armorie, the generall receiuer of the Duchie of Lancaſter, and of the Wards and Liueries, Treaſurer of the Chamber, Maſter of the Jewel houſe, Coferer of the Houſhold of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heires and Succeſſors, Treaſurers of Warres or Garriſons, Treaſurer of the Nauie, Treaſurers or Receiuers of any ſummes of money for victuall, or fortifications, or for buildings, or Maſter of the Wardrob, for any debt to bee adiudged or knowen as is aforeſayd, concerning their, or any of their offices mentioned in this branch, vnleſſe the Queenes Maieſty, her heires and ſucceſſors, vpon, or after their debt knowen or account determined (all his or their due petitions to them vpon the ſame accounts being alowed) require or command, by, or vnder the great ſeale or priuy ſeale, preſent payment thereof, or otherwiſe eftſoones require a new account of the ſame debt, ſo ſet or remaining in any the accounts mentioned in this branch. And that thē the ſame debt or any part thereof ſhall be found to be owing or vnerpended in the matters or charges pertaining to any of their ſayde offices or

charges mentioned in this branch, and the same debt remaine vnpayed by the space of one whole yere after such request or commandement.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that this Acte or any thing therein conteined, shall not extend to the sale, assurance, or conueyance of any Manors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments as is aforesayd, vnlesse the debt of such officer, accomptant or debtor, doe exceed the summe of three hundred pounds, Any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it likewise enacted, that this Act or any thing therein conteined, shall not extend to make any sale, conueyance or assurance of any manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments descended, or which hereafter shall descend to any heire or heires within the age of one & twentie yeeres, so long as such heire or heires shall be within the age of one and twentie yeeres. And yet neuertheless, after such time as any such heire or heires shall accomplish his or their full age of one and twentie yeeres, & after two yeeres expired after such full age, It shall and may be lawfull to, and for our sayd Soueraigne Ladie, her heires and Successors, to make sale, assurance and conueyance of such manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments so to him and them descended, in such sort, order, maner and fourme to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if such heire or heires had beene of full age at the time of the account finished and determined, or debt knowen of any such officer, debtor or accomptant.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that before such time, as any the manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, which any such officer, accomptant or debtor, shall bona fide, and for valuable consideration, sell, conuey, or assure to any person or persons, shall be by the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors solde, conueyed or assured, as is aforesaid, a Scire facias shall be awarded, out of her Maiesties Court of Exchequer vnto the Shiriffe of the Countie, where any such Manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments so to be sold for the said debt doe lie, generally to garnish, summon, or warne any of the Tertenants vpon any part of the said Mannors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, to shew cause why the said Mannors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, should not be put to sale for satisfaction of the debt of her Maiestie, her heires or successors: Whereupon if the Tertenant vpon such garnishment or warning returned, shall make default, or shall appeare, and doe not within two yeeres next after such returne, sufficiently prooue in the said court of Exchequer, that the officers, accomptants or debtors (if hee or they be then liuing) haue sufficient Landes, tenements or hereditaments, to answere vpon sale thereof to bee made

made, by the Queenes Maieſtie, her Heires or Succeſſours, by force of this Act the ſaid debt or farme, or ſufficient goods or chattels, liable and ſubiect to the payment of ſuch debt or farmes, or if he or they be dead, that the executors or adminiſtrators of ſuch officers, accomptants or debtors haue ſufficient goods, or chattels liable and ſubiect as aforeſayde, or the heire of ſuch officer, accomptant or debtor, haue ſufficient Landes, Tenements and Hereditaments liable to anſwere vpon ſale thereof to be made, by the Queenes Maieſtie, her Heires and Succeſſours by force of this Acte, the ſame debt or farme, and whereby the ſayd debt and farme, ſhall or may bee fully and duely ſatiſfied: That then after two yeeres and ten moneths next after ſuch returne, ſuch and ſo much of the Manours, Landes, Tenements and Hereditaments which any ſuch Officer, Debtor or perſon accomptable, had, or at any time hereafter ſhall haue, after hee became or ſhall become any ſuch Officer, Debtor or perſon accomptable, or which otherwiſe are to bee ſolde, by the true intent and meaning of the ſaid Act made in the thirteenth yeere of the Queenes Maieſties reigne, as ſhall ſuffice for the ſatisfaction of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maieſtie, her Heires or Succeſſours, of his or their debt or duetie, ſhall bee ſolde by her Maieſtie, her Heires or Succeſſours, and the money thereof comming, to diſpoſe according to the true intent and meaning of this Act.

Prouided alſo, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that in ſuch caſes where any accompt hath beene, or ſhall bee made, or any debts haue beene, or ſhall be knowen in the Courtes of Wardes, and Liueries, and Duchy of Lancaſter, or in either of them, Then before ſuch time as any the Mannours, Landes, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which any ſuch Officer, Accomptant or Debtor, ſhall bona fide, for valuable conſideration, ſell, conuey, or aſſure to any perſon or perſons, ſhall be by the Queenes Maieſtie, her Heires and Succeſſours, ſolde, conueyed and aſſured, as is aforeſayd, Such proceſſe ſhalbe awarded, as is hereafter expreſſed: To wit, a ſummons or garniſhment with proclamation, ſhalbe awarded to the ſhirife of the Countie where any ſuch manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, ſo to be ſolde for the ſaid debt doe lie, generally to garniſh, ſummon or warne, any of the Tertenants thereof, by open publication or proclamation to be made, either vpon ſome part of the ſayd manors, landes, tenements and hereditaments, or in ſome market Towne next adioyning in the ſame Countie xx. dayes at the leaſt, before the returne thereof, to ſhew cauſe why the ſame Manors, Landes, Tenements or Hereditaments, ſhould not be put to ſale, for ſatisfaction of the debt of her Maieſtie, her heires

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or ſucceſſors, whereupon if the Tertenants vpon ſuch garniſhment or warning returned, ſhall make default, or ſhall appeare, and do not within two yeres next after ſuch returne, make ſuch ſufficient proofe as aforeſayd, as by the order and decree of either of the ſame Courts ſhalbe allowed in that behalfe, That then all things ſhalbe done & executed for the ſale of the ſame Manours, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, and for the full ſatiſfaction of the ſame debt or farme, in like, and in as large & ample maner and forme, to all intents and purpoſes, as before in this Acte is limited and appointed in caſes where default is made, or apparance, and no cauſe and proofe as aforeſayd made, vpon a Scire facias awarded out of the ſayd Court of Exchequer.

Prouided alwayes, that if the Tertenant or Tertenants ſhall proue in the ſayd Courts of Exchequer, Wardes and Liueries, and Dutchie as is aforeſayd, within two yeeres next after ſuch returne and returnes as aforeſayd, that the ſayd officer, debter, or accomptant, hath Manours, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments liable and ſubiect to the ſale of our ſoueraigne Lady the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſors, by force of this Acte, but not ſufficient vpon ſale thereof by vertue of this Acte, to anſwere and ſatiſfie the debt and duetie of the ſayd officer, debter, or perſon accomptable: Or that the executors or adminiſtrators of the ſayde officer, accomptant or debter (if hee be then dead) haue goods or chattels liable and ſubiect to the payment of the debt or farme of the officer, debtor or accomptant, but not ſufficient vpon the ſale thereof for the full ſatiſfaction of the ſayd debt or farme: Or that the heire of ſuch officer, accoũtant or debtor haue lands, tenements or hereditaments by diſcent, liable and ſubiect to the ſale of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires & ſucceſſors, for, and towards the payment or ſatiſfaction of the debt or farme of ſuch officer, accountant or debtor by force of this Act, but not ſufficient vpon ſale thereof by vertue of this Acte for the full and due ſatiſfaction of the ſayd debt or farme, That then the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſours, ſhall firſt make ſale as aforeſayd, of all the Manours, Landes, Tenements and Hereditaments of the ſayd officer, debtor, or perſon accomptable, and ſeiſe & take into her and their hands, all the ſayd goods and chattels. And if the ſame be not ſufficient vpon ſale thereof by force of this Acte, to anſwere and ſatiſfie the ſaid debts or farme, then to make ſale of the Manours, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments ſo deſcended to the ſayd heire, for, and towards the ſatiſfaction of the reſidue of the ſayde debt. And if neither the ſayd Landes, Goods and chattels of the ſayd Accountant, Officer or Debtor, or of his Executors or Adminiſtrators, nor the ſayd Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments ſo deſcended to the ſayde Heire, be ſufficient

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to answere and satisfie the full and due debt, Then such and so much of the Mannours, Landes, Tenements and Hereditaments which any such Officer, Debtor or person accomptant had or at any time hereafter shall haue, after hee became or shall become any such Officer, Debtor or person accomptant, shall bee solde by the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and Successours as aforesaide, as shall suffice to make a full satisfaction of the residue of his or their whole and entire debt and duetie: And the ouerplus (if any be) to be disposed as aforesayde, according to the true intent and meaning of this present Acte.

Prouided alwayes that euery such Tertenant clayming by purchase from any such Officer, accomptant or Debtor, or his heires, or from, by, or vnder any purchaser, from such Officer, accomptant or Debter, whose landes shall happen to be solde by vertue of this Acte, shall haue ratably contribution for his and their charges, damages and losses, of and against euery other person or persons that shall purchase, or shall claime from, by, or vnder any purchaser of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments of such Officer, Accomptant or Debtor liable to any sale to bee made by vertue of this Acte. And if any such person or persons shall refuse to make and yeelde a reasonable contribution to the partie and parties whose landes are solde as aforesayde, that then vpon complaint thereof made to the Barons of the Exchequer, they shall and may by vertue of this Acte, awarde Processe of seisure and Extent in her Maiesties name, vpon the Landes, tenements and hereditaments of euery such person or persons as shall so refuse to yeelde a reasonable contribution, And the same Landes so seised and extended shall and may by vertue of this Acte, without other warrant, assigne and commit to the saide person or persons, their heires, executours, or administratours, that ought to haue contribution by the true meaning of this Acte, vntill such time as hee or they shall bee satisfied of so much money for contribution of his and their damages, losses, charges and expences as shall bee rated, taxed and assessed by the sayd Barons of the Exchequer, for the time being.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that euery such Scire facias, so to be awarded, and the returne thereof, shall be entred of Record in the Court of Exchequer, And euery such Processe of Summons, and garnishment with Proclamation and the returne thereof, so to be awarded out of euery the said seuerall Courtes of Wardes and Liueries, and Duchie of Lancaster, and the seuerall returnes thereof, shall bee entred

tred into the booke of decrees of the saide Courtes, out of which such proceſſe shalbe awarded. And that euery person and persons to whom the Queenes Maiestie her heires or succeſſors shall make sale of any Mannors, landes, tenements or hereditaments of any such officer, accomptant or debtor, shall or may haue exemplified the seuerall proces aforesaide, and the returne or returnes thereupon vnder the great seale of England, and that aswell the said Inrolment and Entries aforesaid of the saide Proceſſe, and the returnes thereupon, as the saide exemplifications shall bee of as good force and validitie in the Lawe, to all intents and purposes as if the said proceſſe and returnes thereupon were extant, remaining and sufficient. And to the intent such Mannors, lands, tenements and hereditaments as are lyable to sale by the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and succeſſours, by force of this Act may be solde according to the value thereof, for the more speedie paiment, of the debts and dueties due to her Highnesse, her heires and succeſſours, and for the benefite of the person or persons whose lands shalbe solde, It is enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, other then the officer, debtour or accomptant aforesaid, whose Landes, tenements or hereditaments are or shalbe lyable to be sold by force of this Act, do or shall at any time within the saide two yeeres and tenne moneths after such returne as aforesaid procure any other able and sufficient person or persons to purchase or buy the same at such price and value as the same lands, tenements or hereditaments at that time shalbe reasonably worth to be sold, Then vpon paiment and satisfaction to bee made to the Queenes Maiestie her heires and succeſſours, of the value of the said Lands, tenements or hereditaments so to be sold, our said Soueraigne Lady, her heires and succeſſours by letters patents vnder the great Seale of England, will bee pleased to sell such Landes, tenements, and hereditamenth to such person or persons before any other, as wil purchase and buy the same by the meanes and procurement of him or them whose lands, tenements and hereditaments shalbe solde as aforesaid.

And be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that all and euery person and persons, whose Mannors, landes, tenements, or hereditaments, shall be lyable and subiect to bee solde by force of this Acte vpon Proceſſe to be awarded out of the Court of Exchequer and other the Courts aforesaid, shall bring and shewe into the said Courts, all such euidences, concerning the saide Mannours, Lands, tenements and hereditaments lyable and subiect to be solde as aforesaid being in his or their custodie or posſeſsion, or in the custodie or posſeſsion of any other by his deliuery,

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consent or appointment, to the intent the state or title of and in the said Manours, Lands, tenements and hereditaments may bee knowen, to the ende the better and more auaileable sale thereof may be made, according to the true intent and meaning of this Acte.

And it is also the true intent of this Acte, and of the said Statute of the thirteenth yeere of the Queenes reigne, That if any person or persons, whose Landes, Tenements and hereditaments are or shall be liable, and subiect to bee solde by vertue of this Acte, or the saide Acte of the thirteenth, haue sufficient Manours, Landes, Tenements, or hereditaments, ouer and beside his chiefe Mansion house, and demesnes belonging thereunto, to satisfie the debts and dueties of her Maiestie, her heires and successours, and doe procure the same to bee bought or purchased for so much money, as will satisfie the saide debts and dueties, within the said seuerall time and times, before limited and appointed for the saide Landes, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to be solde as aforesaid, and doe satisfie the said debts and dueties accordingly, That then his and their said chiefe Mansion house and demesnes thereunto belonging, shall not be sold by her Maiestie, her heires and successours, by force of this Acte, or of the said Statute of the thirteenth yeere of the Queenes Maiesties Reigne.

Prouided alwayes that this Act shall endure onely to the ende of the next Session of the next Parliament ensuing.

An Acte concerning the confirmation and eſtabliſhment of the depriuation of diuers Biſhops and Deanes in the beginning of her Maieſties reigne.

The vij. Chapter.

WHereas diuers and ſundry perſons exerciſing the office & function of Biſhops and Deanes, of diuers Seas and Biſhoprickes and Deaneries, within this Realme in the reigne of our late ſoueraigne Ladie Queene Marie, were before the tenth day of Nouember, in the fourth yeere of the moſt happy and bleſſed gouernment of the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie that now is, lawfully and iuſtly depriued from ſuch Biſhoprickes, and Deaneries, as they ſeuerally inioyed and tooke vpon them to holde, and in their ſteads and places ſundry excellent and woorthy men duely preferred to the ſame: And whereas the parties ſo depriued, did notwithſtanding, as it is pretended, make ſecret appeales, and vſed other ſecret meanes, pretending thereby to ſupport the continuance of their ſaid offices and functions:

Be it therefore declared and enacted, by authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that all and euery depriuation, and depriuations, and all and euery ſentence and ſentences of depriuation whatſoeuer, had, pronounced, or giuen, at any time betweene the beginning of the reigne of the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, that now is, and the tenth day of Nouember in the fourth yeere of the ſame, againſt any perſon or perſons, which was, or tooke vpon him to be Archbiſhop or Biſhop of any ſea or Biſhopricke, or Deane of any Deanerie within this Realme, or any the dominions thereof in the reigne of the ſayde late Queene Marie, from ſuch Sea or Biſhopricke, be adiudged, deemed, and taken good and ſufficient in Lawe to all intents and purpoſes, and ſo ſhall remaine and continue: any appeale, exception, or other matter or thing whatſoeuer to the contrarie thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

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And bee it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all such Archbishops, and Bishops, and Deanes, as were ordeined or made by the authoritie or licence of the Queenes Maiestie that now is, at any time betweene the beginning of her reigne, & the sayd tenth day of Nouember in the fourth yeere of her Maiesties reigne, shall be taken and adiudged to be lawfull Archbishop, or Bishop of the See or Bishopricke, and Deane of the Deanerie vnto the which he was so preferred, assigned or appointed: And that the same See of Archbishopricke, or Bishoprike, and Deanrie, vnto which he was so preferred, assigned, or appointed, shalbe deemed and adiudged to be meerely void to all respects and purposes before such preferment, appointment, or assignement so made as aforesayd: Any ambiguitie or question in that behalfe heeretofore made, or hereafter to be made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ An Acte for the taking away of Clergie from offenders against a certeine Statute made in the third yeere of the reigne of King Henry the seuenth, concerning the taking away of women against their willes vnlawfully.

The ix. Chapter.

WHereas of late times diuers women as well maidens as widowes, and wiues hauing substance, some in goods mooueable, and some in lands and tenements, & some being heires apparant to their Ancestours, for the lucre of such substance, beene often times taken by mildoers, contrary to their will, and after maried to such misdoers, or to others by their assent, or defiled, to the great displeasure of God, and contrary to your Highnesses Lawes, and dis-

parage ment of the ſayd women, and great heauineſſe and diſcomfort of their friends, and ill example of others, which offences, albeit the ſame be made felonie by a certeine Act of Parliament made in the third yeere of King Henry the ſeuenth: Yet foraſmuch as Clergie hath beene heretofore allowed to ſuch Offenders, diuers perſons haue attempted and committed the ſayd offences in hope of life by the benefit of Clergie: Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authoritie of the ſame, that all and euery ſuch perſon and perſons, as at any time after the end of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, ſhall be conuicted or attainted, of or for any offence to be committed after the end of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, made felony by the ſayd Act of the third yeere of the reigne of King Henrie the ſeuenth, or which ſhall be indicted and arreigned of or for any ſuch offence, and ſtand mute or make no direct anſwere, or ſhall challenge peremptorily aboue the number of twentie, ſhall in euery ſuch caſe, loſe his and their benefite of Clergie, and ſhall ſuffer paines of death without any benefit of Clergie: Any former lawe to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this Act, or any thing therein conteined, ſhall not extend to take away the benefite of Cleargie, but onely from ſuch perſon and perſons as hereafter ſhall bee Principals or procurers or Acceſſaries before ſuch offence committed.

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An Acte for the increaſe of Mariners, and for maintenance of the Nauigation, repealing a former Acte made in the xxiij. yeere of her Maieſties reigne, bearing the ſame Title.

The x. Chapter.



Here at the Parliament holden by Prorogation the xvi. day of January, in the xxiii. yere of the Reigne of our moſt gracious Soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, An Act was made (intituled, An Act for the increaſe of Mariners, and for maintenance of ỹ Nauigation) whereby amõgſt other things, it was enacted, that it ſhould not bee lawfull to any natiue Engliſhman, woman, or Denizen, at any time, after a time limited in the ſame Act, directly, or indirectly, by themſelues, their Seruants, Factors, Agents, Deputies, or friends, or any of them whatſoeuer, to go or ſend into any other forreine countrey, Realme, or dominion whatſoeuer, for the buying, prouiding, or bringing into this realme, out, or from any the ſayd Forreine Realmes or Dominions, out of the Queenes obeyſance, of any ſalted fiſh, or ſalted Herings, nor ſhould make any agreement with any Alien, or Stranger, or any other for ſuch bringing into this Realme, by any Alien, or Stranger, of any ſalted fiſh, or ſalted Herings, and that no ſalted fiſh, nor ſalted Herings, ſhould be brought hither out of the ſayd forreine Realmes and Dominions, but by the meere Owners thereof, or deputies of them, being Aliens and Strangers, without the procurement of any Subiect of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſors, or of any Denizen, and by none other perſon, or perſons, vpon paine that ſuch Engliſh perſon, or Denizen offending againſt that Acte, ſhould forfeit the ſame ſalted Herings, and ſalted fiſh, or the value thereof, with di-

uers other clauſes, and branches in the ſame Statute conteined, touching the bringing of Fiſh into this Realme, and the buying and ſelling of Fiſh, as by the ſame Acte at large appeareth, vpon the making of which Acte it was hoped and expected, that the Fiſhermen of this Realme, would in ſuch ſort haue imployed themſelues to fiſhing, and to the building and preparing of ſuch ſtore of Boates, and Shipping for that purpoſe as that they ſhoulde long ere this time, haue bene able ſufficiently to haue victualled this Realme with ſalted Fiſh, and Herrings, of their owne taking, without any ſupply of Aliens and Strangers, to the great increaſe of Mariners, and maintenance of the Nauigation within this Realme, Notwithſtanding it is ſince found by experience, that the Nauigation of this lande is no whit bettered by meanes of that Act, nor any Mariners increaſed, nor like to be increaſed by it, But contrarywiſe, the naturall Subiects of this Realme, being not able to furniſh the tenth part of the ſame with ſalted Fiſh of their owne taking, The chiefe prouiſion and victualling thereof with Fiſh and Herrings, hath euer ſince the making of the ſame Statute, bene in the power and diſpoſition of Aliens and Strangers, who thereby haue much inriched themſelues, greatly increaſed their Nauigation, and (taking aduantage of the time) haue extreemely inhaunſed the prices of that victuall, to the great hurt and impouerihing of the natiue Subiects of this Realme, and yet doe ſerue the Markets here in very euill ſort by little and little, houſing and keeping their Fiſh, as well on this ſide, as beyond the Seas, till the prices be raiſed to their liking, And the Merchants of this Realme, hauing bene wholy barred in their trades of prouiding of Fiſh for the ſeruice thereof, The Nauigation of this Realme, which was intended to be augmented, hath bene rather impaired then increaſed thereby, and the prices of Fiſh greatly inhaunſed, to the great and generall preiudice of the Subiects: For remedie whereof, and for that it is lawfull as well to Strangers and Aliens, as to the Subiects of this Realme, to cary out into forreigne parts and Dominions, ſuch ſalted Fiſh and Herrings, as are taken and prouided by the Subiects of this Realme, And therefore very vnequall that the natiue Subiects of this land, ſhould not be at libertie to bring in alſo forreigne prouiſion of Fiſh, for the victualling of their owne Countrey, as well as to cary out, but that the Stranger ſhould be wholly truſted therewith:

Bee it therefore enacted by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authoritie

thoritie of the same, That the same statute made in the sayd xxiii. peere of her Maiesties most gracious reigne, and euery clause, branch, article, and prouiso thereof, and all the penalties and forfeitures therein conteined, shall from henceforth be clearely repealed, void, frustrate, and of none effect, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if the same had neuer bene had ne made, Any thing in the same Acte conteined to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that it shall and may bee lawfull for all and euery her Maiesties Subiects being owners of any Shippes, Barkes, or Vessels saying with crosse Sailes, to receiue and take into their sayd Shippes, Barkes, or Vessels, any Herrings, or other Fish, which any Alien or Stranger shall buy and prouide of any her Maiesties Subiects within this Realme, And the same Herrings and Fish, or any of them may transport into any parts beyond the Seas, being in league or amitie with her Maiestie, in their sayd Ships or Vessels with crosse Sailes, So as the sayd Aliens or Strangers pay to her Maiestie, her Customes and dueties for the same, in such sort, as by the same former Act was limited and appointed.

And be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all Aliens and Strangers shal from henceforth, and from time to time pay to her Maiesty, for all salted Fish, & salted Herrings to be brought into this Realme, all such like Customes, and Impositions, as are or shall be imposed or set vpon any her Maiesties subiects, in those forreine Regions and Countreyes, Ports, and Townes, from whence the sayd salted Fish and salted Herrings, shall be shipped and brought for the like Fishes and Herrings, ouer and besides the ordinary Customes, which haue beene payed to her Maiesty for the same, in maner and forme, as by the same Act was enacted and appointed.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesayd, that if any Alien, or Stranger borne, or any Denizen, or naturall borne subiect of this Realme, shal bring into any Hauen, Port, Creeke or Towne of this Realme any salt Fish, or salt Herrings, which shall not be good, sweet, seasonable, and meet for mens meat, and shall offer the same to be solde, and shalbe warned by any Officer of such port, hauen or towne, where the same shalbe offered to be solde, that the same be not seasonable nor meet for mens meat, That then if he or they shall after that, offer any of the said vnseasonable fish to be sold to any person within this realme, Or being an Alien borne, & no denizen, shal not depart with the same from

the saide Hauen, Port, or Towne, so soone as conuenience will serue, That then all and euery person, Owners thereof, shall lose and forfeit to our sayde Soueraigne Lady, all the sayde vnseasonable fish vnmeete for mens meate, as before is sayd.

And bee it likewise enacted, that all Ordinances of the Fishmongers of London, or of any other Company or Corporation whatsoeuer, made, or to be made, for restraint of any person to take or sell fish, or to buy or prouide any fish of any Merchant, or other within this Realme, shall be repealed and voyde, And that euery person, or bodie corporate, that shall make or execute any such ordinance or restraint, shall for euery such offence forfeit one hundreth poundes, the one moitie thereof to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, and the other moitie to the partie grieued, that will sue for the same, by Action of Debt, in any Court of Record, wherein no Essoine, Protection or Wager of Law for the defendant, shalbe admitted or allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that this Act shall no longer endure, then to the end of the next Parliament hereafter ensuing.

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¶ An Acte for the better execution of the Statute made in the xxiij. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, for the abolishing of Logwood, alias Blockwood, in the dying of Cloth, Wooll, or Yarne.

The xj. Chapter.

WHereas by an estatute lately made in the xxiij. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, it was among other things enacted, that no person should die or cause to be died, any Cloth, Wooll, or other things there mentioned, with any stuffe called Logwood, alias Blockewood, vpon such penaltie, as in the sayde statute is mentioned, since the making of which Statute, sundry euil disposed persons haue sought to defraud the true meaning of the sayd Statute, and to auoid the penaltie therein conteined, by cunning dying or mixing the sayd Logwood, alias Blockwood, together with Woad or other Stuffe, which is not onely contrary to the true meaning of the sayd former Acte, and to the great deceit of her Maiesties louing subiectes, but also to the discredit of the trade of Clothing, especially in forreine Countreyes, where heretofore English Clothes haue bene had in good account and reckoning, for redresse of which fraud, and to the intent the sayde practise may hereafter be the better discouered (which being closely and secretly done by the offenders, will otherwise hardly be found out) and that the sayd practise, according to the true intent and meaning of the sayd former statute, be henceforth vtterly abolished:

Be it therefore ordeined and enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, that if any person shalbe so suspected to offend, then any Justice or Justices of peace of the same County, where the said supposed offender shall dwel, if he dwel out of a corporate towne or citie, and if he dwell within any corporate towne or citie, then the Maior, Bailiffe, or other head Officer being a Justice of Peace of such corporate Towne or Citie, where such supposed

poſed offender ſhall dwell, vpon notice and information to him or them giuen in that behalfe, ſhall by authority of this Act, by his or their warrant, or other commandement cauſe to come before him or them, the ſeruants and workemen of ſuch ſuppoſed offenders, and other perſons able to diſcloſe the ſayd deceit, and them to examine by their othe or otherwiſe, And if vpon the ſame examination they ſhall find any perſon or perſons, after the firſt day of February next enſuing, to haue vſed or cauſed to be vſed, in the dying or colouring of any Cloth, Wooll, Yarne, Grograine, Buſkins, or Silke, or any thing made of Woollen yarne or ſilke, any Logwood, alias Blockewood, or now or heretofore reputed and taken for Logwood, alias Blockewood, that then the ſayde Juſtices or Juſtice, Maior, Bailiffe, or other head Officer, being a Juſtice of Peace, ſhall not onely binde with ſurety all ſuch perſon or perſons, whom they ſhall finde ſo ſuſpected to haue offended, and ſuch others as may diſcouer the ſame offence to the next quarter Seſſions or gaole deliuery, which ſhal happen to be holden for that Countie, Citie, or Towne corporate, But alſo to certifie all ſuch examinations & depoſitions, as tend to the finding out or diſcouery of the ſayd offences, at the ſayd gaole deliuery or quarter ſeſſions: And alſo if any ſuch perſon ſo ſuſpected to haue offended, vpon examination aforeſayd, ſhall refuſe to be bound as aforeſayd, then the ſayd perſon or perſons ſo refuſing, to be committed to the next gaole, there to remaine, till he, ſhe, or they ſhall ſo become bound with ſureties, And that the ſayd Juſtices of Aſſiſe, or Juſtices of Peace, at ſuch gaole deliuery or quarter Seſſions, ſhall haue authoritie by this Act, to indict and trie the offenders, by the vſuall courſe of indictments and trials in like caſes, And after ſuch conuiction to adiudge the ſayd offenders to be ſet openly on the Pillory, in the ſayd Citie or Market towne where the ſame offence ſhall be committed, And if it ſhall not be in any Market towne, then in the next Market towne adioyning, in the ſame Countie, there to continue, by all the time of the Market, one or more dayes by their diſcretion, for euery ſuch offence: And further, that euery ſuch offender, beſide his ſayd corporall puniſhment, ſhal forfeit for euery ſuch offence, the ſumme of xx. li. The one moitie of which ſumme of money, ſhall be to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſours, and the other moitie, to him that will ſue for the ſame, by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, in any Court of Record. In which ſute no eſſoine, protection, wager of law, nor writ of priuiledge for the defendant, ſhall be admitted or allowed, And the partie offending, being thereof conuicted, to remaine in priſon without baile or mainprize, till he haue ſatiſfied the ſame.

An acte for the explanation of the Statute made in the fift yeere of her Maiesties reigne, concerning Labourers.

The xij. Chapter.

WHereas by an Act made in the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the fift yeere of the reigne of the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, intituled, An act touching diuers orders for Artificers, Labourers, Seruants of Husbandry and Apprentices, It was prouided and enacted by the authority of the said Parliament, for the declaration and limitation what wages seruants, Labourers, and Artificers, either by the yere or day or otherwise should haue and receiue: That the Justices of Peace of euery Shire, Riding, or Libertie within the limits of their seuerall Commissions or the more part of them being then resiant within the same, and the Shirife of that Countie if he conueniently may, and euery Maior, Bayliffe, or other head Officer within any Citie or Towne corporate, wherein is any Justice of Peace within the limits of the said Citie or Towne corporate and of the said Corporation, should before the tenth day of June next comming, and afterward should yeerely at euery generall Sessions first to bee holden and kept after Easter, or at some time conuenient within sixe weekes next following euery of the saide feasts of Easter assemble themselues together, and they (so assembled) calling vnto them such discreet and graue persons of the saide Countie, or of the said Citie or towne corporate, as they shall thinke meete, and conferring together, respecting the plentie or scarcitie of the time, and other circumstances necessarily to be considered, should haue authoritie by vertue hereof within the limits & precincts of their seuerall Commissions, to limit, rate and appoint the wages, as well of such and so many of the said Artificers, handicraftsmen, Husbandmen, or any other Labourer, seruaunt or workeman, whose wages in time past hath bene by any Law or statute

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rated and appointed, And also the wages of all other labourers artificers, workemen, or apprentices of Husbandry, which haue not bene rated, as they the same Justices, Maiors, or head Officers, within their seuerall commissions or liberties should thinke meet by their discretions to be rated, limited or appointed by the yeere or by the day, weeke, moneth, or otherwise with meate and drinke, or without meate and drinke, and what wages euery workeman or labourer should take by the great for mowing, reaping or threshing of corne and graine, and for mowing & making of Hey, or for ditching, paling, railing, or hedging, by the rodde, pearch, iugge, yard, pole, rope or pote, and for any other kinde of reasonable labours or seruice, and should yeerely before the xii. day of July next after the said assessement and rates so appointed and made, certifie the same ingrossed in parchment with the considerations & causes thereof, vnder their handes & seales into the Queenes most honourable Court of Chancerie, to the ende that Proclamation should be made in the name of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, for the obseruing of the same rates in such sort, maner and forme as in the saide acte more at large is declared: And whereas the saide acte hath not according to the true meaning thereof bene duely put in execution, whereby the rates of wages for poore artificers, labourers and other persons, whose wages was meant to bee rated by the saide acte, haue not bene rated and proportioned according to the plentie, scarcitie, necessitie and respect of the time, which was politikely intended by the said acte: By reason ambiguitie and question haue risen and bene made, whether the rating of all maner artificers, workmen, and workwomen, his or their wages other then such as by some statute and law haue bene rated, or els such as did worke about Husbandry, forasmuch as the said lawe hath bene found beneficiall for the common wealth:

Be it enacted, that the saide statute, and the authoritie by the same statute giuen to any person or persons for assessing and rating of wages, and the authoritie to them in the saide acte committed, shalbe expounded and construed, and shall by force of this acte giue authority to all persons hauing any such authority to rate wages of any Labourers, Weauers, Spinsters and workemen or workewomen whatsoeuer, either working by the day, weeke, moneth, yere, or taking any worke at any person or persons hand whatsoeuer, to be done. And whereas in diuers Shires within this Realme, the Justices of Peace haue not vsually kept their generall Sessions in one place of the Shire together, but the generall Sessions haue bene kept in seuerall places for seuerall diuisions, By reason whereof the most part of the Justices of the Peace comming not together, nor rating of

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wages could wel be made in the said Shire where such generall Sessions haue bene vsed: Be it enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, that the most Justices of Peace, or the more part of them resiant in such diuision in any Shire within this Realme, where such Sessions haue bene vsually seuerally kept, shall at the same Sessions, or at such time of rating of wages, as is limited by the sayd Acte made in the fift yeere of her Maiesties reigne, haue as full authoritie and power to rate all maner of wages to be rated within the limits of such diuision in any such Shire, as if the same were done in the generall Sessions for the sayd Countie, or by the most part of the Justices meeting for the rating of wages by the sayd Act. And be it further enacted, that after the rates made for wages, and ingrossed in parchment vnder their hands and seales of them hauing authoritie to rate the same, it shall and may be lawfull to the Shirife of the sayd Countie, or to the Maior or chiefe Officer or Officers of any City or Towne corporate, to cause Proclamation to be made of the seuerall rates so rated, in so many places within their authorities as to them shall seeme conuenient, and as if the same had bene sent downe printed by the Lord Chancellor or Keeper, after declaration thereof to her Maiestie, and Certificate of the same into the Queenes most Honourable Court of Chancerie, and that euery person and persons shall be bound to obserue the sayd rates in giuing and receiuing wages, vpon the paines and punishments mentioned in the sayd Act, and to be recouered, or punishment inflicted, as in the sayd Act is mentioned.

And be it further enacted, that no person or persons shall incurre any danger or penaltie, for not making certificate into the Queenes most Honourable Court of the Chancery, of any rates of wages appointed to be certified by the sayd Acte made in the sayd fift yeere of the Queene. But the sayd Rates ingrossed in parchment, and sealed as aforesayd, shall if the same be in any Shire, be kept by the Custos Rotulorum of the sayd Countie, amongst the Records in his custody for the said Shire: And in any Citie or Towne corporate, amongst the Records of the said Citie or Towne corporate: This Acte to continue till the end of one yeere next after the next Session of Parliament.

An explanation of an Acte made in the eleuenth yeere of King Henry the seuenth for Fustians.

The xiij Chapter.

WHereas by an Acte made in the eleuenth yeere of King Henry the seuenth, the Maior and Wardens of Sheremen of the Citie of London for the time being, shoulde haue authoritie to enter and search the workemanship of all maner of persons occupying ꝑ broad shere, as wel Fustians as Cloth, and the execution of the sayd Acte, for vsing any Instruments of Iron, or other vntrue subtill meane or sleight in dressing the same: Since which time, for that the Lord Maior of London cannot conueniently go in his owne person to make the sayd search, by reason of his other weightie occasions, diuers haue resisted the Wardens of the Sheeremen going abroad in offering to make search, according to the sayde law, and for want of due and daily search in that behalfe, diuers haue of late dayes put in vre the Iron instrumentes, and other sleights forbidden by the sayde recited Acte, to the great deceit of her Maiesties people, amongst whom the wearing of Fustians is lately growen to more vse, as may seeme, then euer it was before time: Which company of Sheremen, together with the company of Fullers, were since the sayd Acte, made one company by the name of Clothworkers, and so no such search can bee duely made: For remedy hereof,

Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the consent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that from henceforth it shall and may be lawfull to, and for the said Lord Maior of the City of London, or his sufficient Deputie, and to, and for the Master & Wardens of the said Mysterie of Clothworkers of London, or such discreet persons as the sayd Master and Wardens of the sayd Mysterie of Clothworkers for the time being, shall from time to time appoint,

point, to enter and make search, as the saide Maior of London, and Wardens of Sheremen might haue done together by the said Act, in the said xi. yere of king Henry the seuenth, vpon paine that the person, or persons, which shall make resistance herein, shall forfeit for euery such resistance xx. shillings of lawful money of England, The one halfe to her Maiestie, And the other halfe to him or them that wil sue for the same, by Action of debt, Bill, plaint or information, in any of the Queenes Courts of Record, where the same may be determined, after the course of the Common Lawe, And that the defendant in such case in no wise be admitted to wage his Lawe, Nor that any protection, or essoyne be in the same allowable.

¶ An acte prohibiting the bringing into this Realme of any forraine Cardes for Wooll.

The xiiij. Chapter.

WHereas many thousandes of Wollen Cardmakers and Cardwierdrawers of the Cities of London, Bristoll, Gloucester, Norwich, Couentry, and of many other her Highnesse cities, & Townes within this Realme, haue heretofore liued and well maintained themselues, their wiues, families, & children, by the benefit and vse of their trade and facultie of Carde-making and drawing of Cardewier, within this Realme, And now of late time, by reason of the common bringing in of forreine Cardes for Wooll out of France, and other forreine parts, the saide Cardmakers and Cardwierdrawers, haue bene so much impouerished, that scant the twentieth person, that heretofore liued by the said trades, is now maintained and set on worke thereby:

Be it enacted by our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and by the Lords Spiritual, and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that no person or persons whatsoeuer, from, or after the feast day of the Purification of the blessed Virgin Saint Mary, nowe next ensuing, shall bring, sende, or conuey, or cause to bee

brought, sent or cõueyed into this Realme of England or Wales, from the parts beyonde the Seas, any Cardes for Wooll to bee solde, bartered or exchanged within the Realme of England or Wales, vpon paine to forfait all such Cardes for Wooll, so to bee brought, sent or conueyed, contrary to the true meaning of this Act, in whose handes soeuer they or any of them shalbe found, or the very value thereof, the one halfe whereof to bee to our said soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, her heires & successours, and the other moitie thereof to him or them that will seise the same or sue therefore, in any Court of Recorde of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, by Action of debt, Bill, Plaint, Information, or otherwise, in which Actions, Suites, Plaints or Informations, no wager of Lawe, Essoine or Protection shalbe allowed: This Acte to endure vnto the ende of the first Session of the next Parliament.

An Acte that no person robbing any house in the day time, although no person be therein, shall be admitted to haue the benefite of his Cleargie.

The xv Chapter.

WHereas of late yeres diuers lewd and felonious persons vnderstanding that the penalty of the robbing of houses in the day time (no person being in the house at the time of the robberie) is not so penal, as to commit or doe a robbery in any house, any person being therein at the time of the robberie, which hath & doth embolden diuers lewde persons to watch their opportunitie and time to commit and doe many hainous robberies, in breaking & entring diuers honest persons houses, and especially of the poorer sort of people, who by reason of their pouertie are not able to keepe any seruant, or otherwise to leaue any body to looke to their house, when they go abroad to heare Diuine seruice, or frõ home to follow their labor to get their liuing, which is to the hindrance and losse of good subiects, & the vtter

vtter impouerishing of many poore widowes, sole women, and other people:

Be it therefore enacted by our soueraigne Lady the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, that if any person or persons after the ende of this present Session of Parliament shalbe found guiltie, and connicted by verdict, confession or otherwise, according to the lawes of this Realme, for the felonious taking away after the feast of Easter now next ensuing in the day time, of any money, goods or cattell, being of the value of v. shillings or vpwards, in any dwelling house or houses, or any part thereof, or any outhouse or outhouses belonging, and vsed to and with any dwelling house or houses, although no person shalbe in the said house or outhouses at the time of such felonie committed, then such person and persons shall not bee admitted to the benefite of his or their Cleargie, but shall bee vtterly excluded thereof.

An acte to restraine the excessiue making of *Mault.*

The xvj. Chapter.

WHereas greater quantitie of Mault is dayly made, then either in times past was or is now needfull: Be it enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, that from time to time, and at all times hereafter it shall and may be lawfull for the Justices of Peace within this Realme in their open quarter Sessions, or the more part of them by their discretions, to suppresse, discharge or restraine the superfluous and vnnecessary number of Maulsters in part, or in the whole, and also to restraine such person and persons, as to their discretions shall seeme meete, from the buying of Barley to conuert into Mault in part or in all, for such time or times as to their

their discretions shall seeme meete, and if any person or persons shal refuse, disobey, or not performe such suppressing, discharging or restraint, or any order whatsoeuer the sayde Justices shall set downe touching the same, That then, and so often such person and persons being thereof duely conuicted, before the sayd Justices, or any two of them, by the testimonie of two witnesses, or by his owne confession, shall be by the sayde Justices, committed to the common Gaole of the Countie, Citie, or corporate Towne, wherein the offence is committed, there to remaine without baile or mainepryse, by the space of three dayes, and from thence vntill he shall become bounden by recognizance in the summe of xl. pound, to be taken to the vse of her Maiesty, before any Justice of Peace to stand, to performe, and obey such suppressing, discharging or restraint taken by the sayd Justices as aforesayd.

Prouided alwayes, that the sayd Justices of Peace, within any Countie of this Realme, shall not intromit or enter into any City, borough, or towne corporate, for execution of any article in this Acte, Except he be a Justice of Peace also in the sayde Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, But that it shall be lawfull to the Justices of Peace, Maiors, Bailiffes, and other head Officers of those Cities, boroughes, and townes corporate where they keepe Sessions to proceed to the execution of this Act, and euery article thereof within the precincts of their liberties, at such time and times, and as often as to them shall seeme meete, in as large and ample maner, as the Justices of Peace in any County may do.

Prouided also, that it shall and may be lawfull, to and for euery person and persons, which shall haue of his owne any Barley or Corne growing, or any Tithe corne, or Rent corne, reserued vpon any Lease or demise, to conuert into Wault all or any such Barley or Corne, Any thing in this present Acte to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that no maner of person or persons shall deale, or meddle in the execution of this Acte, that vse to buy Barley to conuert to Wault, and to sell the same againe. This Act shall not endure or continue any longer time, but vntil the end of the next Session of the next Parliament.

An acte against lewd and wandering persons, pretending themselues to be Souldiers or Mariners.

The xvij. Chapter.

WHereas diuers lewd and licentious persons contemning both Lawes, Magistrates, and Religion, haue of late dayes wandered vp and downe in all parts of the Realme, vnder the name of Souldiers and Mariners, abusing the title of that honourable profession, to countenance their wicked behauiours, and doe continually assemble themselues weaponed in the high wayes and elswhere in troups, to the great terror and astonishment of her Maiesties true Subiects, the impeachment of her Lawes, and the disturbance of the peace and tranquillitie of this Realme: And whereas many hainous outrages, robberies, and horrible murders are dayly committed by these dissolute persons: And vnlesse some speedy remedie be had, many dangers are like by these meanes to ensue and grow towards the Common wealth:

Be it therefore enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that all idle and wandering Souldiers or Mariners, or idle persons, which now are, or hereafter shall be wandering, as souldiers or mariners, shall settle themselues in some seruice, labour, or other lawfull course of life without wandring, or otherwise repaire to the places where they were borne, or to their dwelling places, if they haue any, and there remaine, betaking themselues to some lawfull trade or course of life, as aforesayde, vpon paine that all persons offending contrary to this Act, to be reputed as felons, and to suffer as in case of felonie, without any benefit of Clergie to be allowed. And be it further enacted, that euery idle and wandring Souldier or Mariner, which comming from his Captaine from the Seas, or from beyond the Seas, shall not haue a testimoniall vnder the hand of some one Justice

of the Peace, of, or neere the place where he landed, setting down therein the place and time, where and when he landed, and the place of his dwelling or birth, vnto which hee is to passe as aforesaid, and a conuenient time therein limited for his passage, or hauing such testimoniall, shall wilfully exceed the time therein limited, aboue foureteene dayes: And also aswell euery such idle and wandering Souldier or Mariner, as euery other idle person wandering, as Souldier or Mariner, which shall at any time hereafter forge or counterfeite any such testimoniall, or haue with him or them any such testimoniall forged, or counterfeited as aforesaid, knowing the same to be counterfeited or forged, in all these cases euery such Acte or Actes to be felonie, and the Offendours to suffer as aforesaide, without any benefite of Clergie.

And be it further enacted, that it shall be lawfull for the Justices of Assises, Justices of Gaole deliuerie, and Justices of Peace of euery Countie, and for all Justices of Peace in townes corporate, hauing authority to heare & determine felonies, to heare and determine all such offences in their generall Sessions, and to execute the offenders which shall be conuicted before them, as in cases of felony is accustomed: except some honest person valued at at the last Subsidie next before the time, to tenne pounds in goods, or fortie shillings in lands, or els some honest Freeholder, as by the sayd Justices shall be allowed, will be contented before such Justices, as such person shall be arraigned of felonie, to take him or them into his seruice for one whole yere then next following, and then before the sayd Justices will be bound by recognizance of ten pounds to be leuied of his lands, goods, tenements, and chattels, to the vse of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, if he keepe not the sayd person or persons for one whole yeere, and bring him to the next Sessions for the Peace and gaole deliuery, next ensuing after the sayd yere, and if any such person retained depart within the yere, without the licence of him that so retained him, then to be indicted, tried and iudged as a felon, and not to haue the benefit of the Clergie.

Prouided alwayes, that if any such idle and wandering person as aforesayd, shall happen to fall sicke by the way, so that by reason of his weaknesse he cannot trauaile to his iourneys end within the time limited within his testimoniall, no such to be within the danger of this statute, so as he settle himselfe in some lawfull course of life as aforesayd, or repaire as aforesayd to the place where he was borne, or was last abiding, within conuenient time, after the recouerie of his sicknes, and there remaine as aforesayd, any thing in this Statute contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Prouided also, and be it further enacted, that when any such souldier or Mariner, comming from the seas or from beyond the Seas, as aforesayde, shall repaire to the place of his dwelling or birth, according to the purport of the said Testimoniall, and cannot of himselfe get there any worke, whereby to employ himselfe to labour, or other lawfull course of life, as aforesaid, that then in all such cases vpon complaint made by such souldier or Mariner to two Justices of Peace of the sayd Countie, of, or neere the sayd place, the said two Justices shall take order by their discretion, to set such souldier or Mariner to some such honest labour or worke as to them shall be thought meete. And for want of such worke, the said two Justices shal take the whole hundred by their discretion, for the releife of such souldier or Mariner, til such sufficient worke may be had.

Prouided also, that if any such souldier or Mariner comming from the Seas, or from beyond the Seas as aforesaid, shal not at the time of his landing, or in his trauaile to the place whereunto he is to repaire as aforesaid, going the direct way, that then he resort to some Justice of the Peace, next adioyning to the sayde place of landing or way, and make knowen vnto the sayd Justice his pouertie: who vpon perfect notice thereof had, shall haue full power and authority by this present Act to licence the same souldier or Mariner to passe the next & direct way to the place where he is to repaire, and to limite him so much time onely, as shall be necessary for his trauaile thither: And that in such case his licence being so made, & he pursuing the forme of such his licence, shall and may for his necessary releife in his such trauaile, aske and take the releife that any person shal willingly giue him, and in such case, his such trauel and taking of almes as aforesaid, shal not be taken an offence against this Law.

Prouided also, that this Act, nor any thing therein conteined, shall extend or be interpreted to make or worke any corruption of blood in any the heires or heire of any such offender or offenders, any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted, that this Act shall not take any force or effect, till fortie dayes next after the end of this Session of Parliament, and shall continue to the end of the Parliament next ensuing.

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¶ An Acte for the reuiuing continuance, explanation, perfecting and repealing of diuers Statutes.

The xviij. Chapter.

WHere in the firſt Seſſion of Parliament begunne in the Citie of London the third day of Nouember in the xxi. yeere of the reigne of our late Souereigne Lorde of famous memorie K. Henrie the eight, and from thence adiorned and prorogued to the Palace of Weſtminſter, An Act or Statute was made, intituled, An Act for the true making of Cables, Halſers & Ropes: And where in the Parliament holden vpon prorogation at Weſtminſter the fourth day of Februarye, in the xxiiii. yeere of the reigne of the ſayd king, there was one other Act made, intituled, An Act againſt the killing of yong beaſts colled weanlings: And where in the Seſſion of Parliament ended at Weſtminſter the firſt day of Februarye, in the fourth yere of the reigne of our late Souereigne Lord K. Edward the vi. One act was made concerning the buying & ſelling of Rother beaſts & cattell: And alſo one other Act was then and there like wiſe made, intituled, An Act for the buying & ſelling of Butter & Cheeſe: And where alſo in the Parliament begun at Weſtminſter the three and twentieth day of January, in the firſt yeere of the reigne of the Queenes Maieſtie that now is, & there continued by prorogation vntill the diſſolution thereof, An Act was then & there made, intituled, An Act for the preſeruation of Spaune and Fry of Fiſh: And where alſo in the firſt Seſſion of Parliament holden at Weſtminſter, the twelfth day of Januarie in the fifth yere of her Highneſſe reigne, One Acte was then and there made, intituled, An Act for the maintenance and increaſe of Tillage: And one other Act was alſo then and there made, intituled, An Acte for the auoiding of diuers forren Wares made by Handicrafts men beyond the Seas: And one other Acte was like wiſe then, and there made, intituled, An Act touching certaine politique conſtitutions made for the maintenance of the Nauie:

Haue: And where also in the last Session of Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster, the last day of September in the eight yeere of her Maiesties reigne, one Act was then and there made, intituled, An Act for Bowyers, and the prices of Bowes: And where also in the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster, the second day of April, in the xiii. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, there was one Act and Statute made for the auoiding of some Leases in certaine cases to be made of ecclesiasticall promotions, with Cure, intituled, An Act touching leases of benefices and other Ecclesiasticall liuings with Cure: And where also, there was then and there one other Act made, intituled, An Act that Purueyours may take Graine, Corne and victuals within fiue miles of Cambridge and Oxford in certaine cases: And also one other Act was then and there made, intituled, An Act against Vsurie: And also, one other act was then and there made, intituled, An act for the continuance of making of Cappes: And where in the first Session of Parliament holden at Westminster, the eight day of May, in the foureteenth yeere of her Highnesse reigne, there was one other Act made, intituled, An Act for the continuation, explanation, perfecting and enlarging of diuers Statutes: In which Statutes are conteined diuers branches, clauses and prouisions touching and concerning the explanation, perfecting and inlarging of diuers of the Statutes before mentioned: And where also there was then and there one other act made, Intituled, An act for the punishmeut of Vagabonds, and for the relieue of the poore and impotent: And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster aforesayd, in the eighteenth yere of her Maiesties Reigne, there was one other act made, Intituled, An act for setting the poore on worke, and for the auoyding of idlenesse: And also one other act was then and there made, Intituled, An act for the repairing and amending of the Bridges and high wayes neere vnto the City of Oxenford: And where in the Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster, the sixteenth day of January, in the xviii. yere of her Maiesties Reigne, one act was made, Intituled, An act for the repairing of Douer Hauen: And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster the xviii. day of Nouember, in the xxvii. yere of her Maiesties Reigne, one other act was made for the reuiuing, continuance, explanation, and perfecting of diuers Statutes, in which are conteined diuers branches, prouisions and clauses touching and concerning certaine additions and alterations vnto and of diuers of the sayd former recited Statutes, and other new Prouisions: And where there was then and there one other acte made, Intituled, An acte against couenous and fraudulent Conueyances:

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And then and there one other Act was made, intituled, An Acte for the leuying of issues lost by Jurors: And also there was then and there one other Act made, intituled, An Act for the good gouernment of the Citie or Borough of Westminster: And whereas in the Parliament holden at Westminster vpon prorogation, the fourth day of Nouember, in the second yeere of the reigne of the late King of most famous memorie King Edward the vrth, one Acte was made, intituled, An Acte for the true making of Vault, which sayd Statute was discontinued, And by another Act made in the sayd Parliament holden at Westminster in the sayd xxvii. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that nowe is, intituled, An Acte for the reuiuing of a former Statute, for the true making of Vault, was reuiued and continued, And also one other Acte was there made in the sayd xxvii. yeere, intituled, An Act for the keeping of the Seabankes and Seaworkes in the Countie of Norfolke, And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster the fourth day of Februarv, in the xxxi. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, there was an act made, intituled, An Acte for the true gawging of vessels brought from beyond the Seas, conuerted by Brewers for the vtterance and sale of Ale and Beere, And also one other Acte was then and there made, intituled, An Acte for reuiuing and inlarging of a Statute made in the xviii. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, for the relefe of the Citie of Lincolne: And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster the xix. day of Februarv, in the xxxb. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, there was an Act made, intituled, An Acte to reteine the Queenes Maiesties subiects in their due obedience, And also one other Acte was then and there made, intituled, An Act for the necessary relefe of souldiers and Mariners, And also one other act was then and there made, intituled, An Acte for the reformation of sundry abuses in Clothes called Deuonshire Kersies or Dozens, according to a Proclamation of the xxviiii. yeere of the reigne of our souereigne Lady the Queenes Maiesty that now is, And also one other Act was then and there made, intituled, An Act for the bringing in of Clapboard from the parts of beyond the Seas, and the restraining of transporting of Wine caske, for the sparing and preseruing of Timber within the Realme, That forasmuch as the sayd Acte made in the sayd xiii. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, intituled, An Acte against Vsurie, And one other Acte of the sayde Actes made in the xvbii. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that nowe is, intituled, An Acte against couenous and fraudulent conueyances, And one other of the aforesayd Actes made in the sayd xxbii. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, intituled, An Acte for the leuying of issues lost

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Bee it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the said three last recited seuerall Acts, made in the said thirteenth, and in the seuen and twentieth yeeres of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, and euery of them, and all and euery the branches, clauses and prouisions in them, and euery of them conteined, shall from henceforth bee, remaine, and continue in force and effect for euer. And forasmuch as the branches, clauses and prouisions conteined and specified in the said two seuerall Acts of continuance, made in the foureteenth and seuen and twentieth yeeres of her Maiesties Reigne, in addition, alteration, explanation, perfecting and inlarging of diuers of the saide Statutes, and other Statutes, and all the residue of the said recited Actes and Statutes, Except the saide three seuerall Statutes before, hereby made perpetuall, and except also the saide Acte made, Intituled, An Acte for the auoyding of diuers forreine wares made by Handycrafts men beyonde the Seas, and the said Acte made, Intituled, An Acte touching politique constitutions, made for the maintenance of the Naule, And the Estatute intituled, An Act for maintenance and increase of Tillage, made in the fift yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, The saide Acte made for the continuance of making of Cappes, in the said thirteenth yere of the Reigne of the Queenes Maiestie that now is, The Acte made in the fourteenth yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, Intituled, An Act for the punishment of Vagabonds, and for the relieue of the poore and impotent, The Acte made in the eighteenth yeere of her Maiesties Reigne, Intituled, An acte for setting of poore on worke, and for the auoyding of idlenesse, And the said acte made for the repairing of Douer hauen, And the said act made for the necessary relieue of Souldiers and Mariners, do seeme good and beneficiall to the weale and profit of this Realme,

Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the said branches, clauses and prouisions of the sayd two Acts of continuance, and the residue of the said recited Statutes and Acts, except before excepted, and euery of them, shall be by authoritie of this present Parliament, reuiued, continued, and endure in force and effect vntill the end of the next Parliament next ensuing, And as concerning the said act, touching politique constitutions made for the maintenance of the Naule, and the said Act made for the repairing of Douer Hauen, and

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the ſaid Act made for repairing and amending the Bridges, and Highwayes, neere vnto the Citie of Oxforde, the ſame ſhall bee, and continue in force vntill the ende of the next Parliament in ſuch maner and forme, and with the ſame and like Prouiſoes, qualifications, and alterations, as by the ſaid ſtatute made in the xxxv. yere of the Queenes Maieſties Reigne, that now is, Intituled, An act for reuiuing, continuance, explanation, and perfecting of diuers ſtatutes, are qualified, altered, or diſpenced with, And that the ſaid Acte made, for the auoyding of diuers forreine wares made by handicraftſmen, beyond the Seas, ſhall be reuiued, continued, and be, and remaine from henceforth in force, vnto the ende of the next Parliament: And that the ſaid Acte made for the continuance of making of Caps, ſhall be from henceforth repealed and made voyd, And that the ſaide Act, Intituled, An Act for maintenance and increaſe of Tillage, for ſo much thereof as doeth concerne Tillage ſhall bee repealed, and for ſo much of the ſame Acte, as doeth concerne the maintenance, repairing, or continuance of any houſes of Huſbandry, and the landes thereunto belonging, it ſhalbe continued and be in force, vnto the end of the next Parliament, if no other Acte be made for the maintenance of houſes of Huſbandry, and againſt the decay thereof, in this preſent Parliament: And that the ſaide Acts, The one Intituled, An Acte for the puniſhment of Vagabonds, and for the reliefe of the poore and impotent, The other Intituled, An Acte for ſetting of poore on worke, and for the auoyding of idleneſſe, ſhalbe reuiued, and ſtand and be continued and in force, vntill the ende of the next Parliament: except for ſo much of the ſame two ſeuerall Statutes, and either of them as ſhall be altered, repealed, or otherwiſe prouided for, or made voyd by any Act of Parliament, made in this preſent Parliament.

Prouided, and bee it further enacted by authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the ſaid Act made in the fiue and thirtieth yeere of the Queenes Maieſties reigne that nowe is, Intituled, An acte for the neceſſary reliefe of Souldiers & Mariners, for ſo much thereof, as ſhal not be altered, or otherwiſe prouided for, by any other Act made in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, ſhall be in force and continue vnto the ende of the next Parliament, any thing in this preſent Act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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An Acte for amendement of high wayes in Sussex, Surrey and Kent.

The xix. Chapter.

WHereas in one Acte of Parliament made in the xxvii. yere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, in one act then made, intituled, An act for preseruation of Timber, in the Wildes of the counties of Suller, Surrey & Kent, & for the amendement of highwayes decayed by cariage to and from Iron milles there, some remedy is prouided for the impairing and spoyling of highwayes, by the cariages of Coles, Mine and Iron, to and from the Iron workes within some part of the said Counties of Surrey and Kent, And prouision for the amending of highwayes decayed in the countie of Suller, by the sayde meanes is left out, And also the saide Act hath not taken the same good effect for the amendement of highwayes within the saide Counties of Surrey and Kent as hath bene expected:

Be it further enacted by our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that so much of the said Act of Parliament, made in the said xxvii. yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, as shall concerne the amendement of highwayes, in the saide Counties of Surrey and Kent, shall from henceforth be repealed.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the occupiers of all maner of Iron workes whatsoeuer, as owners or Farmers of the same by any estate of inheritance for life, liues, or for terme of yeere or yeeres, or at will, which shall at any time hereafter cary or cause to be caried, any Coles, Mine, or Iron, to or for any their Iron workes, betweene the xii. day of October, and the first day of May in any yeere, shall for euery three loades of Cole or Mine, as also for euery tunne of Iron, which shall bee caried by any maner of waine or Cart, betweene the said xii. day of October, and the first day of May, by the space of one mile, through any Highwayes within the saide Wildes of Suller, Surrey, Kent, or any of them, shall pay or cause to be payed vnto

the Iuſtice of Peace dwelling neere vnto the places in the ſaide Countie where the High wayes ſhall be moſt annoyed, or his aſſignee, the ſumme of three ſhillings, the ſame to bee leuied, after default of payment thereof, by ſuch Iuſtice of Peace or aſſignee by way of diſtreſſe, of any of the goods and chattels remaining in the ſaide Countie, of ſuch perſon as ſo ſhould haue payde ſuch ſumme.

And bee it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that euery perſon and perſons, occupier of Iron worke as aforeſaid, which ſhall at any time hereafter carry, or cauſe to be caried any Coles, Wine or Iron, to or for any their Iron workes betweene the firſt day of May, and the xii. day of October in any yeere, for euery thirtie loads of Coles and Wine, or either of them, and for euery ten Tunnes of Iron, to be caried as aforeſaide, one load of Sinder, grauell, ſtone or chalke, meete for the repairing and amending of the ſaide High wayes as aforeſaide, to bee layed and imployed in ſuch place and places of the High wayes, as any Iuſtice of the Peace of any the Counties aforeſaide, dwelling neere vnto the places where the High wayes within the limits aforeſaid ſhall be moſt annoied, by any of the meanes aforeſaide, according to the greater and more preſent neceſſitie, ſhal be appointed and aſſigned, or elſe pay or cauſe to be paied, for and in allowance of euery Cart load, in maner and forme aforeſaid, to haue bene ſo caried and laid iii.s. within eight daies after the demaund thereof, at any ſuch Iron worke made, to or from which Iron worke, any ſuch cariage ſhall be, to the hand of the ſaid Iuſtice of Peace or his aſſignes, the ſame to be leuied after default of paiment vpon the demaunde thereof from time to time, by way of diſtreſſe: And if ſuch Iuſtice of Peace by reaſon of abſence, or other occaſion, doe not or ſhall not within fourtie dayes, next after the ſaide firſt day of May, yeerely aſſigne and appoint, where and in what place of the High wayes, the ſaid Sinder, grauel, ſtone or chalke to be caried as aforeſaid, or where or how the money thereof due, or ſo paid, ſhalbe imploied and beſtowed, That then the ſame ſinder, grauell, ſtone or chalke ſhalbe laid and imploied by ſuch perſon or perſons, as by this act are to cary & lay the ſame, or to cauſe the ſame to bee caried and layed, in ſuch place and places of the High wayes, as the Surueyors within the Pariſh for the time being, where the High wayes ſhalbe moſt annoied as aforeſaide, ſhal aſſigne or appoint, or in default thereof, pay to the ſaid Surueyors for euery ſuch load due and vncaried, three ſhillings, in maner and fourme aforeſaide, vpon paine of forfaiture of tenne ſhillings for euery load of ſinder, grauell, ſtone or chalke, not caried, layed and employed in the High wayes, or three ſhillings vnpayed, as aforeſayde, to bee forfeited and payed by the

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perſon and perſons, which by this Acte ought to carie and lay, or cauſe to be caried and laied, the Sinder, Grauell, Stone or Chalke, or therefore to haue paied as is aforeſaid, after due conuiction and preſentment thereof had before the Juſtices of Oyer & terminer, or Juſtices of Peace, in any of their open Seſſion or Seſſions, to be holden before them, or any of them: All which ſumme and ſummes of money to be forfaited, by reaſon of this Act, for, or in default of cariage and laying of the ſayde Sinder, grauell, ſtone or chalke, or paiment thereof as aforeſayd, ſhall be likewiſe beſtowed and employed vpon the amendement and repairing of the High wayes, at, and by the diſcretion of any ſuch Juſtice of Peace, as ſhall dwell and bee reſident next vnto the place and places, being moſt annoied by the cariages aforeſaide, the ſame to be leuied by way of diſtreſſe, by any Conſtable, Tithingman, Headborough, or other Officer thereunto to be aſſigned, by warrant made in open Seſſions by any Clearke of the Peace of the Countie, where any the offence or offences aforeſayde ſhall be committed, or by any two Juſtices of the Peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, which were preſent at the Seſſions, wherin the ſaid conuiction, of or for any the offences aforeſaid ſhall be had: And if no ſufficient diſtreſſe can be found by the ſaid Officer appointed to leuy the ſame, or if the ſaid offender doe not pay the ſame, within twentie dayes after a lawful demaund of the ſame, by the ſaide Officer to be appointed for the leuying thereof, as aforeſaide, that then euery perſon ſo denying or refuſing, and not paying the ſame forfaiture, within twentie dayes aforeſaid, to forfeit the double ſumme he ſhould before haue paid, to be leuied by ſuch wayes, and meanes, as to any two of the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſame Countie, where the ſaide offence ſhalbe cõmitted, whereof one to be of the Quorum, ſhalbe thought moſt meet, The ſame forfaiture to be likewiſe imployed, vpon the amendment of the High wayes, as the other forfaiture ſhould haue bene, if the ſame had bene leuied, according to the true intent and meaning of this Statute.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaide, that the Surueior and Surueiors, from time to time for the time being, within the Parith where the High wayes ſhall be moſt annoid, vpon default of the ſaid Juſtices as aforeſaid, within xx. dayes after ſuch default of the Juſtice of Peace, as aforeſaid, ſhall aſſigne or appoint where and in what place of the High wayes, the ſaid ſinder, grauell, ſtone or chalke, or the forfaiture of money to be beſtowed, ſhall be caried and laid as aforeſaid, and vpon paine of forfaiture of euery ſuch Surueior or Surueiors, for euery ſuch default xl.s. And the ſaid Surueiors ſhall make demaund according to the limitation of this preſent Acte, of all & euery ſuch forfaiture

faiture and ſummes of money limited to bee payed in default of ſuch cariages as aforeſaid, vpon paine to forfeit for euery ſuch default xl. ſhillings: And ſhall alſo make preſentment of euery ſuch default of cariage, or payment contrary to the tenour of this preſent Acte, at the next quarter Seſſion to be holden for the ſayde Countie, where ſuch default of cariage and payment ſhalbe, vpon paine to forfeit for euery ſuch default of preſentment as aforeſayd xl.s. The one moitie of all ſuch forfeiture and forfeitures, to be to the Queenes Maieſtie, the other moitie to ſuch perſon or perſons as will ſue for the ſame, by Action, Bill, Plaint or Information in any of her Maieſties Courts of Record, where no wager of law, eſſoine or protection ſhalbe allowed.

An Acte againſt the deceitfull ſtretching and taintering of Northerne Cloth.

The xx. Chapter.

IN moſt humble and duetifull wiſe ſheweth, beſeeching your Highneſſe, your true and faithfull Subiects, the Clothiers & Chapmen of your Counties of Yorke, Lancaſter, & other your Highneſſe Counties on the Northſide of the riuer of Trent, That notwithſtanding the many good and wholeſome Lawes heretofore made for the true making of good & true Clothes and Kerſies, which Lawes either by ſome wants in the ſtatutes already made, or for lacke of the due executiō of the ſaid lawes, haue not only not reſtrained the great abuſe in making of Clothes & Kerſies, but rather haue increaſed the ſame, inſomuch that the ſaid Northerne clothes and Kerſies, doe yerely & dayly grow worſe & worſe, and are made more light, and much more ſtretched and ſtrained, then heretofore they haue bene, to the great deceit of all nations where the ſaid clothes and Kerſies are ſolde, and to the great ſhame & ſlander of the countrey where the ſame is made, And within ſhort time like vtterly to ouerthrow the trade of Cloth making in thoſe countries, whereupō ſo many thouſands of your ſubiects do now liue & are maintained, which great enormities your faithfull ſubiects do chiefly impute to the great nūber of Tenters & other engins dayly vſed

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and practised in the sayde Counties for the stretching and straynning of the saide Clothes and Kersies: For remedie and redresse whereof, your said subiects humbly beseech your most excellent Maiestie, that it may please your highnesse with the assent of the lords Spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, it may be enacted, any statute or law whatsoeuer, to the contrarie notwithstanding, That no person or persons, within any the Counties aforesayde, from, and after the twentieth day of September now next comming, shall stretch or straine, or cause to be stretched or strained, any Clothes, Dozens, Kersies, Penistones, Rugges, Frizes, Kighley whites, Plaine graies, or any other clothes, by what name or names so euer they be called, made, or hereafter to be made, within the sayd Countie of Yorke, Lancaster, or any other the Counties on the North of Trent, vpon pain to forfeit for euery default, fiue pound.

And further, that no person or persons, from, and after the sayde twentieth day of September, within the Counties aforesaid, or any of them, shal haue, vse or occupie any Tenter, of what sort or kinde soeuer, or any maner of winch, rope, or other engines, to stretch or straine any Clothes, Kersies, Dozens, Penystones, Rugges, Frises, Cottons, Kighley whites, Plain graies, or any other cloth, of what kind or name soeuer it, or they be called, made, wrought, or to be made or wrought within the sayde Counties, vpon paine that euery offender that shall haue or vse, or exercise any such Tenter, of what sort or kind soeuer, or any maner of rope, winch, ring head, or engine, shall forfait for euery such default twentie pound.

And further, that euery person or persons within the counties aforesaid, or any of them, which shall make, or cause to be made, any Clothes, Kersies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Plaine graies, Kighley whites, Frises, or any other cloth, by what name or names soeuer, it or they be called, shall make the same of such weights, lengths & breadths, as by the Statutes of this realme already in force is prouided, vnder the paines in the same Statutes contained, and before the same be sold, or offered to be sold, shall set his seale of lead vnto euery of the same Clothes, Kersies, Dozens, Cottons, Plaine graies, Penistones, Kighley whites, Frises, or by what name or names soeuer, it or they be called: In which said seale of lead shall be contained, the true & iust length, and the true & iust weight at the least, of euery such Cloth, Kersey, Dozen, Cotton, Penistone, Plaine graies, Kighley whites, Frises, or by what name or names soeuer, it, or they shall be called, as it shall be duely found by due proofe thereof to be tried by waier or weight, vpon paine to forfeit euery Cloth, Dozen, Cotton,

ton, Kerſey, Peniſtone, Plaine grayes, Kighley whites, Friſes or other Cloth, by what name or names ſoeuer it or they be called, which ſhalbe made within any the counties aforeſaid, wherunto ſuch ſeale as is aforeſayde, ſhall not be put and ſet: And in caſe vpon proofe to bee made by water or weight of any ſuch Clothes, Kerſies, Dozons, Cottons, Peniſtones, Plaine graies, Kighley whites, Frizes or any other Cloth as is aforeſayd, ſhall be found of leſſe weight or of ſmaller content in length, then is conteined or ſpecified in any of their ſaid Seales, that the owner of euery ſuch Clothes, Kerſies, Dozens, Cottons, Peniſtones, Plaine grayes, Kighley whites, and Freeſes, or any other Cloth by what name or names ſoeuer they be called, as aforeſayd, or any other perſon or perſons in whoſe handes or poſſeſſions, any ſuch Clothes, Kerſies, Dozens, Cottons, Peniſtons, Plaine grayes, Kighley whites, Freeſes, or any other Cloth by what name or names ſoeuer they be called, ſhall be found, ſhall forfeit for euery yard wanting in length, foure ſhillings: and for euery pound wanting in weight, two ſhillings.

And for the better and more ſpeedy and effectuall reforming of all ſuch abuſes as is aforeſaid, be it further enacted, that in euery Pariſh, Town, Village and Hamlet within the Counties aforeſayd, where any Clothes, Kerſies, Dozens, Cottons, Peniſtones, Plaine graies, Kighley whites, Friſes or any other cloth, by what name or names ſoeuer they bee called, ſhall bee made or ſolde, the Juſtices of Peace of the ſame Shire or Riding, or two of them at the leaſt, and in euery Citie, Borough or Towne corporate, the head officer or officers of euery of the ſame Citie, Borough or Towne corporate, together with ſome one or two of the Juſtices of the Peace of the Shire or Riding next adioyning to ſuch Citie, Borough or Towne corporate, ſhall haue full power and authoritie, and ſhall by vertue of this Act, once euery yeere at the leaſt, and as often as they ſhall thinke good, to conuent and call before them by their precept or otherwiſe, two, foure, ſixe or eight, or more as they ſhall thinke good by their diſcretion of the moſt honeſt, diſcreet and able men of euery ſuch Citie, Towne, Village, Hamlet or Pariſh where any Cloth ſhall be made or ſolde, and them ſhall conſtitute, ordeine and appoint to be ouerſeers for one whole yere or ſix moneths, or ſhorter time at their diſcretions, then next following, within the Citie, Borough, Towne, Village, Hamlet or Pariſh where the ſame ouerſeers ſhall be dwelling, and ſhall and may take them ſworne and bound in Recognizance of fourtie pounds a piece to the vſe of your moſt excellent Maieſtie and your Succeſſours, or doe their beſt endeuour by all lawfull wayes and meanes for their time,

time, to see that this Statute in all pointes shall bee truely obserued and kept within the limites of their charge in euery part thereof, and that the same Ouerseers, or two of them, shall once euery moneth at the least, or so often as neede shall require, or they shall thinke fitte by their discretions by force hereof, visit and goe into all or any House or Houses, Shoppes, or other roomes of any Clothiers, Drapers, Clothworkers, or of any other person or persons whatsoeuer, where any of the saide Cloth shall bee, and there to make due searche, and viewe the same made, or remayning to bee solde, and to take searche, and try as well by weight, water, or any other way whatsoeuer, the said Clothes, Kersies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Righley Whites and Frises, or any other Clothes, by what name or names they bee called: And if any Clothes aforesaid, vpon search thereof, shall not be found to be sealed with a Seale, conteining the length and weight as aforesaid, then the Clothier, and euery Owner of the saide Cloth, shall forfeite euery such Cloth, Kersies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Righley Whites and Frises, or any other Cloth, by what name or names soeuer they be called, made within the Counties aforesaide, not so sealed and solde, or offered to be solde, and the saide Ouerseers and euery of them, shall, and may seise and carry away the same so forfeited as aforesaide, and present the same to the Justices of Peace at the next quarter Sessions, to bee by them disposed of, as hereafter is in these presents limited and appointed. And if the saide Ouerseers shall finde any false Seale or marke to bee set vpon any Cloth aforesayde, or shall vpon search as aforesaide, finde the same Clothes aforesayde to bee stretched or strained, then the same Ouerseers shall present the same defaults vnto the Justices at the next quarter Sessions, and the names of the owners or possessours of such Clothes, Kersies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Righley Whites and Frises, or any other Clothes, by what name or names they bee called, so founde defectiue: And if any maner of person or persons at any time after the saide twentieth day of September, shall deny, withstand, or withhold any Clothes, Kersies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Righley Whites and Frises, or any other Cloth, by what name or names soeuer they be called, from the sayd Ouerseers, or any of them, or will not suffer them to enter into any of the Houses, Shops, roomes or other places, where any such Clothes shall bee, that then euery such person or persons so denying or withstanding, shall for the first offence forfeit and lose tenne pound, and for the second offence, twentie pound, and for the thirde offence, being thereof lawfully conuict by verdict of twelue men, and two sufficient witnesses shall stande

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vpon the pillorie in the next market towne: and if any of the sayd persons so commaunded to appeare, to be made Ouerseers as aforesayd, and hauing no reasonable excuse, refuse to come, and take vpon him or them to be Ouerseers as aforesayde, that then euery such person so refusing, and hauing no reasonable excuse so to doe, shall forfeit for euery such refusing, fiue pound, the one halfe thereof to be to your most excellent Maiestie, and your successours, and the other halfe to the Justices of the Peace, or other head officer, or officers, by whose commaundement he was appointed to appeare to be Ouerseer, and the same Ouerseers so offending, to remaine in the Ward of the Shiriffe, Bailiffe, or other head officer, vntill such time as he hath made payment of the forfeiture, or otherwise put in sufficient bond for the satisfaction of the same. And to the end that the sayd Clothes, Kersies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Righley whites and Frises, or any other Clothes, by what name or names soeuer they be called, so to be viewed and searched, may be the better knowen: It is therefore enacted that the sayde Ouerseers shall fire vnto euery kinde of the Clothes aforesayd, a seale of Leade conteining the length and the weight of euery such Clothes (together with this word, Searched) which Cloth so sealed by the sayd Ouerseers, shall not be searched, tried or viewed by any other Searcher or Ouerseer, of any other Citie, Borough, Towne, Village, Parish or Hamlet, by vertue of his or their sayd office or offices, any thing in this Acte, or in any other Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

And further, the sayd Clothiers and other Inhabitants doe humbly pray, that it may be likewise enacted, that if any person or persons, but such as are appointed, alligned and permitted by this Act, or their seruants, or deputies, doe at any time after the sayde twentieth day of September, counterfeit or set to, or willingly and wittingly take away from any the sayd Clothes, Kersies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Righley whites and Frises, or any other cloth, by what name or names soeuer they be called, made within the Counties aforesaid, any of the seales so to be fired as aboue is recited, that then euery person so offending, shall for the first offence forfeit and lose tenne pound: and for the second offence, being thereof lawfully conuicted by the verdict of twelue men, and two sufficient witnesses, stand vpon the pillorie, & lose and forfeit to your most excellent Maiestie, your heires and successour, twentie pound: And to the end that the sayd Statutes and Lawes aforesayde may be the more effectually executed, and all stretching and straining, and falsifying of any the Clothes aforesayd taken away, It may be also enacted that euery Justice of the Peace, head Constable, or other the Ouerseers aforesayd,

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shall haue full power and lawfull authoritie to enter in, or vpon any the Messuages, Tenements, Houses, Buildings, Lands or grounds of any person or persons whatsoeuer, to search for any such Tenters, of what sort or kind soeuer, or any maner of ropes, rings, heads, wrinches, or other engins whatsoeuer, whereby any falshood or deceit may be vsed in or about the stretching and straining of any the sayd Clothes, Kersies, Dozens, Frises, Cottons, Penistones, Bigheys, and Whites, or any other Cloth, by what name or names soeuer they be called, or any of them: And if they should finde any such Tenters of what sort or kinde soeuer, or any maner of Ropes, Rings, Heads, Wrings or Engines, they shall and may vtterly deface the same, in such sort as they cannot be imployed againe to any such vse. And if any person or persons, with whom any such shall once haue bene found, shall after that, be knowen to haue or vse any such tenter of what sort or kind soeuer, or any maner of Rope, Ring, Head, Wring, or Engine, that then they the sayd Justices, head Constables, or Ouerseers, or any of them within the seuerall precincts, shall take and sell the same to the best value thereof, and by the consent of two Justices of Peace within the same Countie, dispose the money thereof comming to the poore of that Parish where the same shall be so taken: and that vpon complaint made, or information giuen of any such Tenter, of what sort or kind soeuer, or any maner of rope, head, ring, wrench or wring, or any other engine, to any Justice of Peace, euery one of them to whom such complaint shall be made, or information giuen, shall within seuen dayes next ensuing such complaint or information giuen, repaire to the place where the same shall be so had and vsed, and then and there execute this lawe, as aforesayd, vpon the paine hereafter in this present Acte expressed: And that if any person or persons, shall withstand, or resist any such Justice of Peace or head Officers, in, or about, touching or concerning the execution of the premisses, euery such person or persons, shall forfeit and suffer, as is before limited, for resisting the Ouerseers in the search.

And if any the Justices or Justice of Peace, within the limits or bounds of his or their Commission, shall be negligent or make default in doing of any thing touching or concerning the due or true execution of this statute, or any thing therein contained, euery such Justice of peace for euery such default, shall forfeit and lose fiue pound. And that all such forfeitures as shall happen or growe by reason of this Acte, shall bee one third part thereof to such person or persons as shall bee then Ouerseers, one other third part to the vse of our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maie-

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ſtie, and one other third part to the vſe of the poore to be imployed to the vſe of the poore, in ſuch ſort as the Juſtices of peace in their Quarter Seſſions to be holden next after iudgement had, or giuen for the ſame, ſhall limit and appoint.

And that the ſayd Juſtices of Peace in their Quarter Seſſions, ſhall, and may inquire, heare and determine, euery fault or offence, made or done contrary to this preſent Acte, or any thing therein contained, except the offences committed, and forfeitures made by the Juſtices of Peace, by preſentment, bill, or information, and vpon proofe thereof made by the teſtimonie of two ſufficient witneſſes openly giuen to the Jurie, and thereupon preſentment made by the Jury to giue order for the execution of this ſtatute, and euery clauſe therein contained, and for the recouerie of the penalties aforeſayd, to the vſes aforeſayd.

And that the Juſtices of Aſſiſe, ſhall, and may inquire, heare and determine euery fault or offence, made or done by any Juſtice of Peace, contrary to this preſent Acte, in neglect of their duetie, in, or about, touching or concerning the execution of this preſent Acte, and vpon proofe thereof made by two ſufficient witneſſes, and by the preſentment of the Jurie, ſhall, and may giue order for recouerie and employment of the penalties and forfeitures by them committed and made to the vſes aforeſayd: and for default of Juſtice to be done, in maner and forme aforeſayd, by the Juſtices of Peace, or Juſtices of Aſſiſe, then the one moitie of all ſuch forfeitures to be the one halfe thereof to her Maieſtie, the other to him that will ſue for the ſame by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, Information, &c. in any of her Maieſties Court, or Courtes of Record at Weſtminſter. In which no wager of Law, Protection or Eſſoine, ſhall be admitted or allowed.

Prouided neuertheleſſe, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, that all and euery kind of Clothes aforeſaid, by what name ſoeuer they be called, which ſhall be made after the day aforeſayd, within the Counties aforeſayd, and brought vp to the Citie of London to be ſolde there, ſhall be brought into the common Cloth market place within the ſayd Citie, commonly called Blackwel hall, to be there ſearched dry, without wetting, and out of Market times, by the ſearchers of the ſayd City, vpon paine that euery Owner of any ſuch Cloth, ſhall forfeit for euery ſuch Cloth not ſo brought into the Market, fourty ſhillings, and vpon paine that euery Searcher that ſhall ſearch at any time in the Market times, to the diſturbance of the ſale of ſuch Clothes in the Market there, ſhall forfeit for euery ſuch ſearch ſo made, fiue pound: all which ſayd forfeitures ſhall be, the one moitie to the vſe of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maieſtie, her

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heires and ſucceſſors, the other to ſuch perſon or perſons, as ſhall ſue for the ſame by action of debt, or information, in which ſuite no wager of lawe, protection or eſſoine ſhall bee admitted or allowed.

An Acte for the further continuance and explanation of an Acte for the neceſſary reliefe of Souldiers and Mariners, made in the xxxv. yeere of the Queenes Maieſties reigne that now is.

The xxj. Chapter.

WHere at the Parliament begun and holden at Weſtminſter the xix. day of Februarie, in the xxxv. yeere of the reigne of our moſt gracious ſoueraigne Lady the Queenes Maieſtie that nowe is, and there continued vntill the diſſolution thereof, being the tenth of Aprill in the ſame yeere, an Act was made, intituled, An Acte for the neceſſary reliefe of Souldiers and Mariners: Bee it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the foreſaid Act, & euery Article, clauſe, and ſentence therein conteined, not altered by this Acte, ſhall be continued and endure in force and effect, vntill the ende of the next Parliament: And foraſmuch as the aſſeſſement and rate appointed by the ſaid laſt Act, vpon euery ſeuerall pariſh in euery ſeuerall Countie, in regard the number of Souldiers in ſome Countie is greater, then in ſome other, ſeemeth very ſmall, and not ſufficient to extende to euery ſuch poore Souldier a competent penſion, but that hee that hath bene appointed to a penſion of xx. li. a yeere, hath bene conſtrained to take fiue pound, and ſo ratably for leſſer penſions:

Bee it therefore declared, explaned and enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that it ſhall and may be lawful, to, and for the Juſtices of peace, at their quarter Seſſions, or the more part of them there being, in all Counties and places within this Realme, within their ſeuerall limits & diuiſions, where they

they shall thinke that the sayd former Act hath not prouided sufficiently, for the relefe of the Souldiers and Mariners appointed to be relieued by the sayd former Acte, and not otherwise, to rate and taxe such further summes of money vpon euery Parish, within their seuerall limits, for the better relefe of those Souldiers and Mariners, as they shall thinke fit & conuenient, so as no parish be rated aboue the sum of viii.d. nor vnder the summe of two pence, weekely to bee payed, and so as the weekely taration of the parishes in any Countie, where there shall be aboue fiftie parishes, amount not aboue the rate of foure pence, for euery parish in the same Countie, And that the same summes so to be rated and euery of them, shall be assessed, collected, leuied, payed and distributed, by the persons, and in maner and forme as is prouided and set forth by the sayd former Act, vnder such and the like paines and penalties as are appointed or set foorth by the same former Acte, And that all forfeitures to be forfeited by any Treasurer, Collectour, Constable, Churchwarden or other person, for any cause mentioned in the said former act, or in this act, shall be imployed together with the stocke to be remaining, in any of the sayd Treasurers hands, to the charitable vses expressed and appointed in and by the sayd former statute, & to none other: And that the sayd relefe shall be giuen to such souldiers and mariners out of the county or place where they were prest, so farre foorth as the taration limited by this Act will extend, And if the whole taration there, be already imployed according to the meaning of this Act, or that they be, or shall not be prest men, then in the place where they were borne, or last inhabited by the space of three yeres, at his or their election.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that if the sayd rate shall be thought, not to be sufficient for the relefe of such souldiers & mariners as shall be to be relieued within the Citie of London, that then it shall be lawfull for the Maior, Recorder and Aldermen of London, or the more part of them, to rate and taxe such reasonable taxe, summe or summes of money for the sayd relefe as shall be to them thought fit and conuenient, So as such summe and summes of money so to be rated do not exceed ii.s. weekly out of any parish, and so as in the totall, the same shall not exceed viii.d. weekely out of euery Parish one with another within the sayd Citie and the liberties thereof.

Be it further declared and enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the Iustices of peace of euery Countie within this Realme, within their seuerall limits, at their Quarter Sessions, or the more part of them there assembled, shall from henceforth haue power and authoritie, yeerely to elect, nominate and appoint, of themselues or other sufficient men of the same Countie, valued

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by yeere in the Subsidie booke at ten pounds in landes, or fortie pound in goods at the least, treasurers of the said collection, which treasurers so in euery county to be chosen, shall continue, do, performe, and giue vp their charge and account, in such sort, maner and forme, and for such time as is set forth by the sayd former Act, vnder such and the like paines and penalties, as are by the sayd former Act appointed in that behalfe:

Be it likewise explaned, and enacted by authoritie aforesayd, that the Justices of peace in euery County of this Realme of England, within their seuerall limits at their quarter Sessions, or the more part of them, then there assembled, may vpon any iust cause, reuoke, diminish, or alter any portion or portions of reliefe alligned or granted to any such Souldier or Mariner, from time to time, according to their discretion, And where it is founde by experience, that the pety Constables and Churchwardens of parishes bee remisse and negligent in collecting of the summes of money taxed for the reliefe aforesayd, and in making payment therof, and that the penaltie of ten shillings, expressed in the sayd former Act, extended not, but to the Churchwardens onely, and was too small a penalty to be inflicted for their default, Therefore it is explained & enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that the Churchwardens and Constables of euery Parish, shall ioyne in the collection and payment ouer to the high Constables, as is set foorth in the sayd former Act, of the sayd summes to be taxed in their Parish, and that the sayd Churchwardens and Constables ioyntly and seuerally shall haue like authority and meanes, to leuy, collect, and gather the summes to be taxed by this act, as they or either of them had to leuy the summes appointed by the sayd former Act: And if any pety Constable or Churchwarden, his executours or administratours, shall faile to make payment in forme as is set foorth by the sayd former Acte, then euery pety Constable and Churchwarden, his executors or administrators so offending, shall forfeit the summe of twenty shillings, to be leuied and imployed, in forme as the penalties, in and by the sayd former Act expressed, are appointed to be leuied and imployed.

¶ An act for the eſtabliſhing of the Biſhopricke of Norwich, and the poſſeſſions of the ſame againſt a certaine pretended concealed title, made thereunto.

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The xxij. Chapter.



Here in the xxbii. yeere of the reigne of the late King of famous memorie, King Henry the eight, it was enacted by authoritie of Parliament, that ſuch perſon as ſhould then next after bee Biſhop of the See of Norwich, beeing then voyde, and his ſucceſſours Biſhops of the ſaide See, ſhould haue and enioy vnited and knit to the ſayde Biſhopricke, the Monaſterie of S. Benets, in the county of Norfolke, and all the poſſeſſions of the ſame: And where William Rugge was next Biſhop of the ſaid See, and by force of the ſaide Acte was ſeiſed to him and his ſucceſſours in fee ſimple, of, and in the ſaide Monaſterie, and the poſſeſſions of the ſame: And afterward William by the name of William by the permiſſion of God Biſhop of Norwich, true and vndoubted Patron of the Hoſpitall of S. Giles in Norwich, and Nicholas Sharton Maſter or Gardian of the ſaid Hoſpitall, and the brethren of the ſame by their deede, bearing date the firſt day of March in the firſt yeere of the late King Edward the firſt, and in due fourme of Lawe acknowledged and inrolled, did giue, graunt and confirme to the ſaid King Edward the firſt, his Heires and Succeſſours the ſaide Hoſpitall, and the poſſeſſions and hereditaments belonging to the ſame, as by the ſayde deede and inrolment thereof may appeare: By force whereof the ſayde King Edwarde the firſt was of the ſayde Hoſpitall, and the poſſeſſions of the ſame, ſeiſed in his Demeſne as of Fee in the right of his Crowne of Englande: And ſo ſeiſed, diſpoſed

disposed of the same, as to his Highnes did seeme good, euer since which sayd grant, and since the sayd Statute made in the sayd xxvii. yere of King Henrie the eight, the sayd Bishop of Norwich and his successours haue had and inioyed the sayde Bishoprieke, and the said late Monasterie of S. Benets, and all the possessions and hereditaments late belonging to the same Monasterie or Bishoprieke, and haue and yet do mainteine their estates, of and by the reuenues of the same, and thereout of haue euer since payd vnto King Edward the sixt, Queene Mary, and to the Queenes Maiesty that now is, & yet do pay vnto her Maiesty first fruits, Tenthes and Subsidies, as all other the Bishops of the Realme haue done; and haue demised, let and set diuers the possessions of the sayd Bishoprieke, late the possessions of the said late Monasterie to our souereigne Lady the Queenes Maiesty, & to sundry others for diuers estates, interests, and termes of yeeres, which sayde interests are by many seuerall conueyances passed from hand to hand to very many of her Maiesties dutifull Subiects, whose whole liuelyhood, or a great part therof dependeth thereupon: yet certeine persons of a greedy & couetous desire to inrich themselues, haue to the great deceit of her Highnesse, to the impeachment of the sayd Bishoprieke, & to the vniust disturbance of the Bishops of the same See, their tenants & farmers, obteined of her Maiesty (little suspecting their euill intention) a grant in fee farme by her Letters Patents, bearing date the second day of August in the xxvii. yeere of her happie reigne, of all or the most part of the possessions of the said Bishoprieke vnder the name of a cottage, and of all lands, tenements, tithes and hereditaments, with the appurtenances within the Deanries of Fleg, Brooke, Warham, Blofield, Repes, and Deepwade, or any of them in the county of Norfolke, to the late monastery of S. Benets of Hulme belonging & apperteining at or vnder the yerely rent only of xl.s. by yere, as by the sayd Letters patents may appeare, pretending now that the said possessions of the said Bishoprieke, which were as aforesayd, first the possessions of the sayd Mynastery, were by the said William late Bishop of Norwich, by some general words conueyed to king Edward the sixt, his Heires and Successours by the aforesayd deed, dated the sixt day of March in the first yere of his reigne: whereas indeed he the sayd Bishop ioyned with the sayd Master and brethren, as Patron of the sayd Hospitall onely, to strengthen the sayd graunt of the sayd Hospitall, and the possessions thereof, and not intending any way to touch any the possessions of the sayd Bishoprieke. Which sayde graunt being so indirectly against the gracious meaning of our sayd Souereigne Lady, and without consideration other then as aforesayd obteined, they the sayde Concealers haue conueyed

the sayde premisses, or some part thereof vnto others not ignorant of the sayde fraud and ill practise, who haue by colour of the sayd pretensed title, attempted to trouble the possession of diuers the Tenants and Farmers of the sayd Bishopricke: For remedie whereof, and because it is most manifest, that neither the sayd William late Bishop by the sayd deed, made in the sayd first yeere of the reigne of King Edward the first, did meane to giue or graunt, or the sayde King Edward the first thereby to haue or take any part of the possessions aforesayd, of the sayd Bishopricke, neither yet her Maiestie tooke any knowledge of any such pretended title, neither meant to passe any such to the sayd Concealers, and yet some trouble may arise by colour of the sayd pretensed title:

Bee it therefore enacted by our sayd Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the sayde deed dated the first day of March, in the sayd first yeere of the reigne of the sayde King Edward the first, shall be taken, construed and adiudged, not to haue conueyed to the sayd King, his Heires and Successours any Manours, Lands, Tenements, Seruices, Rents, Rectories, Tithes, Aduowsons, Liberties, or Hereditaments whatsoeuer of the sayde late Monasterie of Saint Benets, alias Saint Benets of Hulme, or of the sayd Bishopricke, or belonging thereunto or to either of them: but that the same and euery part thereof shalbe deemed and adiudged to haue remained, continued and bene in the sayd William then Bishop of the sayd See, and his Successours, and shall at all times for euer hereafter remaine, continue, and be, and so be adiudged to remaine, continue, and be in the now Bishop of the sayd See, & his Successors for euer, of such and the like estate, and in such maner, forme and condition to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if the sayd deed had neuer bene had ne made.

Prouided that this Acte shall not extend to the sayd nowe or late Hospitall, or any Landes, Tenements, Rents, and Hereditaments, goods, chattels, rights, or credits, nowe or late belonging to the same, nor to the patronage thereof, nor to any thing whereof, or whereto the sayde late Master or Gardian, and brethren of the sayd late Hospitall, were seised, possed, or intituled, but that the sayd deede as to the same and euerie part thereof shall be good and effectuall in Lawe to all intents and purposes, as if this Acte had neuer beene had, nor made, (Any thing aforesayd to the contrarie notwithstanding) Sauing to all person and persons, bodies politike and corporate, their Heires and Successours, executours, administratours

ſtratours and aſſignes, other then the ſaide late King Edward the ſixt, Queene Mary, the Queenes Maieſtie that nowe is, their and euery their heires, ſucceſſours and aſſignes, claiming any the ſayde poſſeſſions of the ſaide late Monaſterie, or of the ſaide Biſhoprycke by force, vertue, or colour of the ſaide deede, made to the ſaide late King Edward the ſixt, all eſtates, intereſts, rights, titles, claimes, conditions, ſeruices, rents and demaunds whatſoeuer, as if this Acte had neuer bene had or made.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted, that all and ſinguler Statutes, Recognizances, Bondes, Couenants, and agreements, heretofore had or made, to or with the ſaide Patentees in the ſaide Letters Patents named or any of them, or to or with any other perſon or perſons claiming by, from, or vnder them or any of them, being parties or priuie to the ſaide practiſe or fraude, for or concerning any of the ſaide landes, tenements, or hereditaments, nowe, or heretofore parcell of the ſaide Biſhoprycke ſhall be vtterly voyde, for any matter or thing touching or concerning onely the ſame landes, tenements, and hereditaments, or any part thereof, nowe or heretofore parcell of the ſayd Biſhoprycke.

An acte for the repairing of the Bridges of Newport and Carlion, in the County of Monmouth.

The xxiij. Chapter.

IN moſt humble wiſe beſeecheth your moſt excellent Maieſtie, the inhabitants of the greateſt part of Southwales: That whereas a certaine great bridge of timber called Newport bridge, is ſtanding ouer the Riuer of Uſke, in the Countie of Monmouth, and is, and of long time hath bene the meeteſt, & moſt neceſſary paſſage & high way, that leadeth into the parts of Southwales, and out of the ſame to London, Briſtowe, and other parts of England, and is of late fallen to great ruine and decay, and likely dayly (not repaired) to become not paſſable, whereby the ſaide high way ſhall bee from henceforth vtterly taken away, to the great hinderance and hurt of a great multitude of your Highneſſe Subiects, trauailing into thoſe parts: And whereas alſo, there is one other great Bridge of Timber, called Carlions Bridge, ſtanding ouer the ſaid Riuer of Uſke, in the foreſaid Countie of Monmouth, And is a moſt neceſſary paſſage and high way, for al the Inhabitants of the ſaide Countie of Monmouth, and others your Maieſties Subiects trauailing into thoſe parts: which Bridge hauing nothing to maintaine the ſame, is likewiſe of late fallen to great ruine and decay, and is likely dayly (not repaired) to fall, to the great hinderance and hurt of a great multitude of your Maieſties Subiects trauailing into thoſe parts: And whereas one Acte of Parliament was made in the two and twentieth yeere of the reigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde of famous memorie, King Henry the eight your Highneſſe moſt renowmed late father, Intituled, An Acte concerning repairing and amending of Bridges in high wayes, In which Acte, among other things it is enacted, That if any part of any decayed Bridge happen

happen to be within any limites of any Citie, or Towne corporate, and part without, and part within any Riding, and part within another, Or if part be within one Shire, Riding, Citie, or Towne corporate, and the other part thereof to be in another Shire, Riding, Citie, or Towne corporate, That then in euery such case, the Inhabitants of the Shires, Ridings, Cities, or Townes corporate, shall bee charged and chargeable to amend, make, and repaire, such part and portion of such Bridges so decayed, as shall lye and bee within the limites of the Shire, Riding, or Towne corporate, wherein they bee inhabiting at the time of the said decayes, as by the said Acte amongst other thyngs more plainely doeth and may appeare: Yet neuertheless, for that at the time of the making of the foresaide Statute, the foresayde Townes of Newport and Carlion, nor any of them, were not as then vnited and annexed to the saide Countie of Monmouth, But sithence in the seuen and twentieth yeere of the saide late King Henry the eight, by force of one Acte, Intituled, An Act for Lawes and Iustice to be ministred in Wales, in like forme as it is in this Realme, And now by reason of certaine wordes contained in the saide last Acte, as also by reason of the great pouertie of the Inhabitants of the saide Townes of Newport and Carlion, diuers questions, ambiguities, and doubts haue risen, and doe dayly arise and growe, howe, and by what meanes the foresaid Bridges shall be repaired, amended, or newe made, And for that no person or persons certaine, or body politique is, or are chargeable for the repairing of the same Bridges, or either of them: For declaration and explanation whereof, and for remedy in the premisses to be had,

That it may be enacted by your Highnesse, and by the consent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons assembled in this present Parliament, and by the authoritie of the same, That the Inhabitants in the Shire, and Countie of Monmouth, shall stand for euermore chargeable for the maintenance, repairing, amending, and newe making of the foresayde Bridges of Newport and Carlion, and either of them, when and as often as neede shall require: And that for the assessement, rating, collection, gathering, and imploying of the moneyes thereupon to bee spent, such order and direction shall and may be obserued and kept, as is appointed by the foresaid Acte, made in the two and twentieth yeere of the saide King Henry the eight, for repairing of Bridges in high wayes, and for the more speedy performance of the premisses, and preuenting of further losse and charges.

That it may likewise bee enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that if the Justices of Peace of the foresaide Shire, and Countie

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of Monmouth, or any of them, doe make any default in the not appointing, executing, and obseruing the like order for the repairing of the said two bridges of Newport and Carlion, as by the said Act in the two and twentieth yere of King Henry the eight, and by this Statute is limited, expressed and declared, for the assessement, collection, and imployment of the moneyes so to be collected, according to the meaning of the said Acts, by the space of three moneths next after this present Session of Parliament: That then they and euery of them, being resident and inhabiting within the said Shire of Monmouth, shal forfeit for such default the summe of ten pounds a piece, to be recouered before the Queenes Maiesties Counsel, in the Marches of Wales by information, to be employed to and for the vse and reparation of the foresaid bridges of Newport and Carlion.

Prouided alwayes that this Acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shall extend to giue power or authoritie to the Justices of Peace of the said County, to charge any towne or townes corporate within the said Countie, that are already by Lawe bound to amende, repaire, or reedifie any Bridges ouer any maine Riuers or streames within the saide Countie, with any contribution towardes the amending, repairing, or reedifying of the bridges in this Act mentioned, other then the Townes of Newport and Carlion. Any matter or thing in this saide Act mentioned, or in the saide Acte had and made in the xxii. yeere of King Henry the eight, in this present Acte mentioned, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

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An Acte for the erecting and building of a bridge ouer the Riuer of Wie at VVilton vpon VVie, neere the Towne of Rosse in the Countie of Hereford.

The xxiiij. Chapter.

WHereas the Queenes Maiesties Towne or Borough of Rosse in the County of Hereford is an ancient and great market Towne, aswell of all kinde of Cattell as of Corne, and many other commodities, hauing in it yeerely foure very great Faires there holden, and is also a very great thorowfare, passage or port way from a great part of the sayd Countie of Hereford, and of the Counties of Monmoth, Brecon, Carmarthen, Pembroke, and most part of all Southwales, to the Citie of London, and other parts of England: And whereas the common great portway leading from the parts aforesayd, towards the sayd Towne, leadeth thorow the Riuer of Wie, at Wilton vpon Wie, in the sayd County of Hereford, neere the sayd Towne of Rosse, which Riuer the most part of the Winter time, and at all other times of land floud is very furious and dangerous, and with a small raine doth suddenly swell and rise vp: At which times, although a Boat, and sometimes two Boats, of good burthen, are there vsed and imployed, to passe men, horses and cattell ouer the same Riuer: Yet the multitude of her Maiesties louing Subiects, occasioned to passe that way from time to time is so great, as that the same Boats haue not sufficed, neither will suffice to passe, cary or transport her Maiesties said Subiects, their horses, cattel, and other cariages there, ouer the same Riuer in conuenient time, whereby many great inconueniences and mischiefes haue happened, and do dayly happen to sundry her Maiesties sayd subiects at the sayd passage, as namely the passage Boat there hath beene often so much ouercharged with multitude of people, that the same hath sunke with the sayd people in the sayd Riuer, where, thirty

or fortie of her Maieſties ſubiects not long ſince haue bin drowned, and vtterly periſhed at once, and many others of them haue eſcaped by ſwimming, but very hardly with their liues, and at other times the armes and legges of diuers others her Maieſties ſayd ſubiects haue bene broken, and men, women, and children with the preaſe of the people to get into the ſayd Boat, bene daily troden downe into the ſayd Riuer, and many times troden vnder the feet of men & horſes, and alſo cattell & horſes often haue bene there drowned and ſpoiled, to the great loſſe, terror, and imminent perill of ſuch as haue occaſion to paſſe that way, and to the great hinderance and impouerifhing of the ſayd Towne, and of the Countrey thereabouts adioyning thereunto: And foraſmuch as the like miſchiefs, miſfortunes and dangers would be hereafter preuented, if a conuenient Bridge were there, at Wilton aforeſayd, made, erected and builded ouer the ſame Riuer, and for that the moſt part of the inhabitants of the ſayd County of Hereford, with ſuch aſſiſtance as they can procure from other Countreyes, for the auoiding of the miſchiefes, dangers and inconueniences aforeſayd, are very willing to take vpon them the erecting and building thereof, which is a very charitable and good worke,

Be it therefore enacted and eſtabliſhed by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authoritie of the ſame, that a conuenient Bridge of Stone or Timber, or both, ſhall be made, ſet vp, erected and builded at Wilton aforeſayd, ouer the ſayd Riuer of Wie, by the inhabitants of the ſayd Countie of Hereford, in ſuch place there, as by the Juſtices of Peace of the ſayd Countie of Hereford, or by any three of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, to be nominated by the Juſtices of Peace in the ſayd Countie, or the more part of them in their generall quarter Seſſions, after the end of this Seſſion of Parliament to be holden, ſhalbe appointed: And to the intent that ouerlong delay may not be vſed in ſetting forwards and effecting of ſo neceſſarie and ſo charitable a worke, and alſo that competent ſummes of money may be collected and leuied for the defraying of the charges therof: And alſo that the inhabitants of the ſayd County of Hereford may haue all conuenient aſſiſtance in that behalfe: Be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, that the ſame Bridge ſhall be wholly made, erected, builded and finiſhed within the ſpace of ſeuen yeeres next after the end, diſſolution or prorogation of this preſent Parliament, vpon paine of forfeiture of one hundreth poundes, for euery yeere after the end of the ſayd ſeuen yeeres, that the ſayd worke or Bridge ſhall happen to be vnfiniſhed, and vnperformed: The one moitie

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whereof to be payd to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſors by the inhabitants of the ſaide County of Hereford, and the other moitie thereof to him or them that will ſue for the ſame in any of the Queenes Maieſties Courtes of Recorde, by Action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, wherein no Eſſoine, Protection, or wager of Lawe ſhall bee admitted or allowed, And for the ſpeedy leuying of all ſuch ſummes of money as ſhall bee neceſſary or requiſite in this behalfe: Bee it hereby likewiſe enacted by the authoritie aforeſaide, that the Juſtices of Peace of the ſaide Countie of Hereford, or any foure, three, or two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, out of the liberties of the Citie of Hereford, in their ſeuerall diuiſions to be nominated or agreed on by the Juſtices of Peace of the ſaide Countie, or the more part of them, in their generall quarter Seſſions, ſhall hereby haue full power and authoritie at all times hereafter, and from time to time as often as neede ſhall require, vntill the ſayde Bridge ſhall bee fully made, erected and builded, to rate, tare and aſſeſſe the ſaide Countie of Hereford, with the ſeuerall Hundreds, and euery Towne corporate, Parish, Village, and Hamlet, within the ſame (other then the ſaide Citie of Hereford) and euery Inhabitant and dweller within euery or any of the ſayde Hundreds, Townes corporate, Villages and Hamlets (other then the ſayde Citie) to ſuch reaſonable ſumme and ſummes of money, as to them the ſayde Juſtices ſo nominated as aforeſaide, ſhall bee thought fit and conuenient, And that the Juſtices of Peace of the ſaide Countie of Hereford, or the more part of them, at their quarter Seſſions ſhall at all and euery time and times hereafter haue full power and authoritie by this preſent Acte, to nominate and appoint ſuch perſon and perſons as they ſhall thinke fit, to collect and gather the ſaide ſeuerall ſummes, and that ſuch perſon and perſons as the ſaide Juſtices ſo ſhall appoint for the gathering and leuying thereof, ſhall haue hereby full power and authoritie by way of diſtreſſe, vpon deniall, refuſall, or non payment, to leuy the ſame, and to make ſale of ſuch diſtreſſes, according to the Statute, Intituled, An Acte concerning repairing and amending of Bridges in high wayes, made at the Parliament holden by prorogation at Weſtminſter the ſixteenth day of January, in the two and twentieth yeere of the reigne of our late dread Soueraigne Lorde, King Henry the eight, and the ſame money ſo to bee leuied, to be deliuered ouer, and payed to the ſaide Juſtices of Peace, or to any two of them, whereof one to bee of the Quorum, the ſame two Juſtices to bee nominated by the Juſtices of Peace of the ſaide Countie, in their generall quarter Seſſions, or to ſuch perſon or perſons, as the

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ſaid two Juſtices ſo nominated ſhall appoint, who ſhall employ the ſame with as much ſpeede as may bee for the purpoſe aforeſaid: And if any perſon or perſons within the ſaid County of Hereford, who ſhall be tared or rated to pay any ſumme or ſummes of money in forme aforeſayd, doe refuſe the payment thereof, or otherwiſe withſtand their diſtreſſes, Or if any other that ſhall be charged, to taſke, rate, gather, leuie, or pay ouer any the moneyes aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe, withſtand, deny or impugne, to accompliſh the order or cõmandement of the ſayd Juſtices of the ſayd County of Hereford, or any two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum in that behalfe, then euery ſuch perſon and perſons ſhall be impriſoned without baile or mainepriſe, by the diſcretion of the ſayd Juſtices or any two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, vntill ſuch time as they and euery of them ſo offending, ſhal be conformable to performe and abide the order of the ſaid Juſtices or any two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum for their ſayd offences.

And moreouer, Be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, that if the ſayd Juſtices, or any one of them, within their ſeuerall limits, hauing receiued any ſumme or ſummes of money aforeſayd, towardes the erecting and making of the ſayd Bridge, doe deteine the ſame or any part thereof in his or their handes, or doe not imploy the ſame with all conuenient ſpeede as aforeſayde but ſhall vſe it to his or their owne priuate profites, commodities, or behookes, to the hinderance of the ſayde worke, that then euery ſuch Juſtice of the Peace ſo offending, for euery ſuch default, ſhall forfeit and loſe the ſumme of one hundred poundes, One moitie whereof ſhall be imployed toward the building and repairing of the ſayde Bridge, And the other moitie to him or them that will ſue for the ſame, in any of the Queenes Maieſties Courts of Record by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, wherein no eſſoine, protection, or wager of Lawe ſhall be admitted or allowed. And for the better aſſiſtance of the ſaid Inhabitants of the ſaid Countie of Hereford, to defray the charges of the ſayd worke:

Be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, that it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for all and euery ſuch perſon and perſons of the ſayd Countie of Hereford, as by the ſayde Juſtices of the ſayde Countie, or the more part of them in their generall quarter Seſſions, ſhall be nominated or appointed, to aſke, receiue and take, of any of the Queenes Maieſties ſubiects within the principalitie of Wales, and the Marches of the ſame, all ſuch ſumme and ſummes of money as they or any of them without compulſion, will willingly giue towardes the building and erecting of the ſayd Bridge, The ſame ſumme and ſummes of money to bee

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payd ouer by the ſayd perſon or perſons ſo by the ſayd Iuſtices to be appointed as aforeſayd, and to be imployed as aforeſayd towards the ſayd worke vpon ſuch paines and penalties as before hereby is limited: And whereas Charles Bridges Eſquire is Owner of the Lordſhip or Manour of Wilton aforeſayd, and by reaſon thereof (although at all times, when the ſayd riuer riſeth not with landflood, all men may and do freely paſſe thorow the ſayd Riuer, being an High or Port way, at their wils and pleaſures, yet hee the ſayd Charles hath an yeerely rent of ſuch perſons as by his demiſe do keepe the Boats vpon the ſayd paſſage, and alſo is Owner of the Soyle, where the fitteſt place to faſten, make and erect the ſame Bridge is thought to bee), which yeerely rent, or profit, now the ſayd Charles Bridges ſhall loſe, by reaſon of the ſayd Bridge: And foraſmuch as the erecting and building of the ſame Bridge, ſhall or may ſtand to ſmall purpoſe, if prouiſion for repairing and mainteining thereof from time to time, and as often as need ſhall require, bee not had and duely conſidered of:

Be it therefore enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, that from and after the time of the making and finiſhing of the ſayd bridge, from time to time, and at all times for euer then after, Pontage ſhall be payed, leuied and taken, at the ſayd Bridge in maner and fourme following and not otherwiſe, videlicet, euery perſon or perſons that ſhall driue any Waine, Carre, or Cart loaden ouer the ſayd Bridge, ſhall pay for euery ſuch Waine, Carre, or Cart ſo by him or them to bee driuen ouer the ſame Bridge, two pence, and euery one that ſhall lead or driue any horſe or horſes loaden with any packe, or any ſheepe or other beaſts of what kind ſoeuer ouer the ſayde Bridge, ſhall pay for euery ſuch horſe and packe, one penie, and for euery tenne ſheepe or vpwards to the number of twenty, two pence, and for twentie ſheepe three pence, and for euery fiue beaſtes of all other kinde, to the number of twentie, two pence, and for euery twentie beaſtes fiue pence, and ſo proportionably for all horſes and packes, Waines, Carres, Carts loaden, Sheepe and other cattell, according to the ſame rate, which Pontage ſhall be collected and gathered yeerely as followeth, videlicet, That two ſuch ſufficient Burgeſſes, of the ſayd Towne of Roſſe, with two ſuch ſufficient Freeholders of the ſayd Countie of Hereford, as ſhall be yeerely elected and nominated by the Iuſtices of Peace of the ſayd Countie of Hereford, or the more part of them, and by the Steward of the ſayd Towne of Roſſe for the time being, or his Deputie, at the generall Seſſions of the Peace, to be yeerely holden for the ſayd Countie of Hereford, next after the feaſt of Saint Michael the Archangel, to be Collectors of the ſame Pontage, and the

deputie, and deputies of the same two Burgesses, and two Freeholders as aforesayd, and euery one or moe of them, shal haue ful power and authority hereby from the time of the same election, for one whole yeere then next following, and so vntill two other Burgesses, and two other Freeholders shall be elected and chosen to the same office of Collectours in forme aforesayd, to collect, gather, and receiue the sayd Pontage at the sayd Bridge, after the rate aforesayd. And if any shall denie, refuse, or impugne the payment thereof, then that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the sayd Collectors, and to & for euery or any of them, and the deputie and deputies of them, and of euery of them for the time being, to take such Oxen, Horses, Sheepe and other Cattell, or as much of them as they shall thinke fit, as any person or persons so denying, refusing, or impugning to pay, shall driue or leade, or offer to driue or leade ouer the sayd Bridge, into the custodie of them the sayd Collectours, or their Deputies, as aforesayd, and the same to deteine and keepe as a distresse in common Pound, vntill the same Pontage after the rate aforesayd, shall be fully satisfied and payed, And that they the sayde Collectours so as aforesayd, to bee yeerely elected and chosen, shall out of the issues and profits of the same Pontage, pay yeerely to the sayd Charles Bridges, his heires and assignes, the summe of tenne poundes of lawfull money of England, at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangell for euer, which sayde summe of ten pounds, he the sayd Charles Bridges, his heires and assignes, shall and may sue for, haue and recouer against the sayd Collectours for their time, or the suruiuor or suruiuors of them, if any of them happen to die, or against the heires, executours or administrators of them, or of any of them, in any of her maiesties Courts of Record, by action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no essoine, protection, or wager of Law shalbe admitted or allowed. And moreouer, they the sayd Collectours and their deputies, shall yerely from time to time for euer hereafter, at such time or times, as they or any of them shall be thereunto required, at or after the end of one yere next after their sayd election, by the sayd Justices of Peace, and by the steward of the sayd Towne or Borough of Rolle for the time being, or his deputy, or by any two of them, whereof one of the said Justices to be one, as aforesayd, before the sayd Justices, or before one or more of them, to be nominated by the Justices of the sayd county in their quarter Sessions, and before the Steward or his deputie, make and yeeld vp a true and perfect accompt vpon their othes, of all the issues and profits of the Pontage of the sayd Bridge, for the time of the sayd accomptants: vpon which accompt the sayd summe of tenne pounds to be yerely payed to the sayd Charles Bridges his

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heires and assignes shalbe allowed to the said accomptants. And all such summe and summes of money as the sayd accomptants shall disburse, in or about the reparations of the sayd Bridge, and the Cawseys thereunto adioyning, or in and about the reparations of any other Bridges or Cawseys in the sayd County of Heref. by warrant from the sayde Justices, at their quarter Sessions, or in, or about any of them, and reasonable allowance to the same accomptants for them and their Deputies for their trauailes and paines, in collection of the same Pontage, and twentie shillings yeerely to be payed to the Steward of the sayd Towne or Borough, or his Deputie for the time being, for his paines in hearing and determining of the same accompt, shall be to them allowed vpon their said accompt. And further vpon the determination of euery such accompt, the said accomptants shall pay ouer all such summe and summes of money, as shall bee thereupon found to remaine in the handes of the sayde accomptants of the same their collection, to the new Collectours for the time being, to remaine in their hands as a stocke, towards the reparation of the said Bridge and Cawsey, and of any other Bridge or Cawsey in the sayd Countie of Heref. to be disbursed and imployed according to the order of the sayd Justices, in their quarter Sessions. And if any person or persons which shall be elected by the sayd Justices and Steward, or his Deputie, to be Collectour or Collectours, as aforesayd, refuse to take vpon him or them the same office, or being Collector or Collectors, shall misdemeane him or themselues in the sayde office, or being called to accompt as aforesayde, shall refuse to yeelde the same, or accompting, as aforesayd, shall misdemeane him or themselues in the same accompt, or shal refuse to pay, or not pay all such summe and summes of money, vpon the determination of the same accompt, as shall fall out vpon the same accompt, to remaine in the custodie of the said accomptants, vpon euery such accompt as aforesaid:

Be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that then and so often it shall be lawfull heereby to the sayde Justices of Peace of the sayd Countie in their quarter Sessions, or the most part of them, to imprison euery such Collector or Collectors, and their Deputies, and euery or any of them, so refusing, misdemeaning themselues, not accompting, or not paying, without baile or mainepryse, vntill he or they so offending, shall performe the order of the sayd Justices. And also that euery such Collector and Collectors, and their Deputies, and euery of them so offending, shall forfeit and lose for euery such contempt and offence, the summe of fiue poundes of lawfull money of England, to bee imployed to the vse of the sayde Bridge, to be built as afore-

ſaid, and to bee leuied by the other Collectors ſucceeding, by diſtreſſe and ſale thereof, if the ſaide ſumme of fiue poundes bee not payde within foure dayes next after the taking of the ſaide diſtreſſe.

Prouided neuertheleſſe, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforeſaide, that all and euery perſon and perſons, owners or occupiers of any Landes or tenements in the ſaide Countie of Heref. which doe yeerely pay any Corne, Graine or other profite in certaintie, in reſpect of the ſame Landes or tenements to the keeper of the ſaide paſſage, for their paſſage ouer the ſame Riuer, & their heires and aſſignes of the ſame Lands and tenements, ſhall bee free and diſcharged of payment of the Pontage aforeſaide: So alwayes as they, and euery of them, ſhall yeerely pay to the ſaide Collectors for the time being, to bee accompted for, and imployed as aforeſaid, ſuch and ſo much Corne and Graine, and other profits as vſually haue bene payd to the keepers of the ſaide paſſage, by the occupiers of the ſaid Landes and tenements, in reſpect of the ſame Landes or tenements. For which Corne and Graine, and other profits ſo yeerely to be payd or receiued by the ſaide Collectors, the ſaid Collectors, and euery of them for their time, ſhall duely accompt, as aforeſaid, in forme aforeſaide, vpon the paines and penalties aforeſaid.

An Act for the enlarging of the ſtatute made for following Huye and Crye *in the xxvij. yeere of your Maieſties reigne, in ſome* ſort to relieue the Inhabitants of the ſmall Hundred of Beynerſhe, *alias* Benherſt, in caſes where they are in no voluntary default, and yet are or ſhall be charged by the ſame Statute, and by the two ancient Statutes, the one made the xiij. yeere of King Edward the firſt, the other in the xxviij. yere of King Edward the third, for repreſſing of Robberies.

The xxv. Chapter.

IN moſt humble wiſe beſeecheth your moſt excellent Maieſtie, the poore inhabitants of the Hundred of Beynerſhe, alias Benhurſt within the Countie of Berk. That whereas the ſaide Hundred doeth conſiſt onely of fiue ſmall Villages, and three ſmall Quillets or Hamlets, and hath lying through it two great Roade high wayes, the one leading from London to Henley vpon Thames, the other from London to Reading, and either of them at the leaſt three miles in length, within the great Wooddie ground called the Thicket, And no one of the ſame Villages ſtandeth vpon, or adioyning to either of the ſame wayes, but lye diſperſedly farre from the ſame, Neither haue the Inhabitants of the ſame Hundred any open or common fieldes, either arable or other, adioyning or lying neere to ſuch parts of the ſame wayes (within the ſaid Thicket) as are moſt apt for Robberies to bee done, whereby they may haue their ſeruants or workemen labouring within the view of the ſame wayes, to take notice of the Robberies done, and therefore the ſaide inhabitants cannot well haue any ſpeedie notice or intelligence of any Robberie which ſhall be there committed, vnleſſe the partie or parties robbed, ſhould

ſhould giue the ſame vnto them, And the ſeuerall lengths and maner of the lying of the ſame waies are ſuch, as al the able men of the ſame ſmall Hundred, cannot ſo watch the ſame ſeuerall wayes, as that thereby robberies may be preuented, And whereas alſo, notice of ſuch robberies, as haue bene of late yeeres done there, hath bene (for the moſt part) giuen by the partie robbed, at the Towne of Maidenhead, which is out of that Hundred, and three miles diſtant from the aforeſaide theeuiſh places in the thicket, where the robberies are moſt vſually done, And yet vpon ſuch notice of robberies giuen at Maidenhead aforeſaid, (being out of the Hundred) there hath bene lately (within one yere) the ſumme of xii. ſcore and fiſteene pounde recouered vpon the aforeſaid Statutes againſt the ſame ſmall Hundred of Beynerſh alias Benherſt, which had no notice of the ſame Robberies, whereby many of the poore inhabitants thereof, haue bene, and are vtterly impoueriſhed, to the vtter ruine and ouerthrowe of them, their wiues and children, and many other the like extremities may (by the aforeſaide Statutes) fall vpon them, though it lyeth not in their power (as well for want of notice as otherwiſe) to performe the ſame Statutes, So as the Inhabitants thereof are like to bee generally impoueriſhed, or inforced to remoue their dwellings into ſome other Hundred, without ſome reliefe ſhall be for them in that behalfe prouided: That it may be Inacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the Inhabitants of the ſaide Hundred of Beynerſh alias Benherſt, ſhal and may to their owne proper vſe in the name of the Cleark of the Peace of the ſaid County of Berk. recouer, haue, and leuie all ſuch ſummes of money, coſtes and damages, as hereafter ſhall be recouered or leuied, of, or againſt them, by the aforeſaide Statutes or any of them, againſt the Inhabitants or reſiants of euery or any ſuch Hundred, with the Franchiſes within the precincts thereof, wherin negligence, fault, or defect of ſuch purſuit and freſh ſuit (as by the ſaid Statute of the xxvii. yere of your Maieſties reigne is appointed to be made) ſhall happen to be, after notice giuen, or Huy and Cry brought to the ſame Inhabitants or reſiants or any of them, of or vpon any Robbery, which ſhall be at any time hereafter done, within the ſaid Hundred of Beynerſh alias Benherſt, And that this preſent Act ſhall giue as full power and authoritie in all reſpects, to the Inhabitants of the ſaid Hundred of Beynerſh alias Benherſt, (in the name of the Clerke of the Peace of the ſaid County) for recouery, hauing, and leuying of all the ſaide money, coſtes, and damages, as aforeſaid, as the aforeſaide Statute of the xxvii. yeere of your Maieſties reigne, gaue or intended to giue for the recouery of a moitie, or one halfe thereof.

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Prouided alwayes, and it is enacted by the authority aforesayd, that no such remedy or recouery shall be had, by this Statute, for all, or the whole summe or summes of money, and damages as aforesayd, But onely in these two cases, viz. The one, where no such notice or intelligence (as by the sayd statute of the xxvii. yere of your Maiesties reigne was appointed, to be giuen of euery or any Robbery) shalbe giuen to the inhabitants of the sayd Hundred of Beynerth alias Benherst; The other, where the Inhabitants of the same Hundred (after such notice of any Robbery to them, or some of them giuen, or after Huy and Cry for the same to them brought) shall make, or cause to be made fresh sute, and pursute, after the Offenders, with horsemen and footmen, according to the sayd Statute of the xxvii. yere of your Maiesties reigne, And where neuertheless the Offenders, or any, or one of them, shall not be apprehended within fourtie dayes after the Robberie committed.

God saue the Queene.

Reginæ Elizabethæ.

An acte for the Queenes Maiesties most gracious, generall, and free Pardon.



THe Queenes Maiestie most graciously considering the good will and faithfull hearts of her most louing and obedient Subiects, which, as at all times, so at this present specially, they haue with most dutiful affection shewed towards her Highnesse, and for the defence of this Realme: And vnderstanding that the same her louing Subiects haue many and sundry wayes by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, fallen into the danger of diuers great penalties and forfeitures: Is of her princely & mercifull disposition most graciously inclined by her liberal and free pardon, to discharge some part of those great paines, forfeitures, & penalties, wherewith her said subiects stand now burthened and charged, Trusting they wil be thereby the rather mooued & induced from henceforth more carefully to obserue her highnes lawes and statutes, & to continue in their loial & due obedience to her Maiesty.

And therefore her Maiesty is well pleased and contented, that it be enacted by the authority of this present Parliament in maner & forme following: that is to say, That all & euery of the sayd Subiects aswell Spiritual as Temporall of this her Highnesse realme of England, Wales, the Iles of Jerneſey and Garneſey, and the towne of Barwike, the heires, successors, executors and administrators of them and euery of them, and all & singular bodies in any maner of wise corporated, Cities, Boroughs, Shires, Ridings, Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Towns, Villages, Hamlets, & Tithings, and euery of them, and the successor and successors of euery of them, shal be by the authority of this present Parliament, acquited, pardoned, released and discharged against the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors, and euery of them, of all maner of treasons, felonies, offences, contempts, trespasses, entries, wrongs, deceits, misdemeanors, forfaitures, penalties, & summes of money, paines of death, paines corporall and pecuniarie, and generally of all other things, causes, quarels, suites, iudgements, and executions in this present

Act hereafter not excepted nor forepriſed, which may be or can be by her Highnes in any wiſe or by any meanes pardoned, before and vnto the fourth day of Auguſt laſt paſt, to euery or any of her ſaid Subiects, bodies corporated, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridings, Hundreths, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages and Tithings, or any of them.

And alſo the Queenes Highnes is contented, that it be enacted by the authority of this preſent Parliament, that her ſaid free Pardon ſhalbe as good & effectuall in the law to euery of her ſayd ſubiects, bodies corporate, and others before rehearſed, in, for, and againſt all things which be not hereafter in this preſent Act excepted & forepriſed, as the ſame Pardon ſhould haue bene, if all offences, contempts, forfeitures, cauſes, matters, ſuits, quarels, iudgements, executions, penalties, and al other things not hereafter in this preſent Act excepted and forepriſed, had bin particularly, ſingularly, ſpecially, and plainly named, rehearſed and ſpecified, and alſo pardoned by proper and expreſſe words and names in their kinds, natures and qualities, by words and termes thervnto requiſite to haue bene put in and expreſſed in this preſent Act of free Pardon: And that her ſayd ſubiects nor any of them, nor the heires, executors or adminiſtrators of any of them, nor the ſaid bodies corporate, and other before named and rehearſed, nor any of them be, nor ſhall be ſued, vexed, or inquieted in their bodies, goods, chattels, lands or tenements, for any manner of matter, cauſe, contempt, miſdemeanour, forfeiture, treſpaſſe, offence, or any other thing ſuffered, done or committed before the ſayd fourth day of Auguſt againſt her Highneſſe, her Crowne, Dignitie, Prerogatiue, Lawes or Statutes, but onely for ſuch matters, cauſes & offences as be rehearſed, mentioned, or in ſome wiſe touched in the exceptions of this preſent Act hereafter mentioned to be forepriſed and excepted, and for none other, any ſtatute or Statutes, Lawes, Cuſtomes or vſages heretofore had, made, or vſed to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

And the Queenes highnes of her bounteous liberality, by the authority of this preſent parliament, granteth & freely giueth to euery of her ſubiects, & to euery of the ſaide bodies corporate and other before rehearſed, & euery of them, all goods, chattels, debts, fines, illues, profits, amerciaments, forfeitures & ſummes of money by any of them forfeited, which to her Highnes doe or ſhould belong or appertein by reaſon of any offence, contempt, treſpaſſe, entry, miſdemeanour, matter, cauſe, or quarell done or cõmitted by them, or any of them, before the ſayde fourth day of Auguſt, which be not hereafter in this preſent act forepriſed & excepted.

And be it enacted neuertheleſſe, that all graunts thereof, or of any part therof, made by any ſuch as haue ſo forfeited the ſame,

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and are hereby reſtored as aforeſayd: and all executions thereof or of any part thereof, had againſt any ſuch after ſuch forfeiture thereof committed or made, ſhalbe of ſuch force and effect, as if no ſuch forfeiture thereof had bin had or made, and of no other: The ſame forfeiture, or any thing before in this Act to the contrary notwithſtanding. And that all and euery the Queenes ſaid ſubiects, and all ſ. ſinguler bodies corporate & others before rehearſed, may by him or themſelues, or by his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their Atturney or Atturneys, according to the Lawes of this Realme, pleade & miniſter this preſent Act of free Pardon for his or their diſcharge, of and for any thing that is by vertue of this preſent Act pardoned, diſcharged, giuen or graunted, without any fee or other thing in any wiſe paying to any perſon or perſons for writing or entry of the iudgements, or other cauſe concerning ſuch plea, writing or entry, but only xvi.d. to be payd to the Officer or Clarke that ſhall enter ſuch plea, matter or iudgement for the parties diſcharged in that behalfe: Any law, ſtatute, vſage or cuſtome to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And furthermore, the Queenes Highnes is contented & pleaſed, that it be enacted by the authority of this preſent parliament, that her ſaid free pardon by the generall words, clauſes & ſentences before rehearſed, ſhall be reputed, deemed, adiudged, expounded, allowed & taken in all maner of Courts of her Highnes, and elſwhere, moſt beneficiall & auailable to all and ſinguler her ſayd Subiects, bodies corporate & others before rehearſed, & to euery of them in all things not in this preſent Acte excepted or foreprized, without any ambiguity, queſtion, or other delay whatſoeuer it ſhalbe, to be made, pleaded, obiected, or alledged by the Queene our ſouereigne Lady, her heires or ſucceſſors, or by her or any of their generall Atturney or Atturneys, or by any perſon or perſons for her Highneſſe, or any of her heires or ſucceſſors.

And furthermore it is enacted by the Queene our ſouereigne Ladie, by ỹ authoritie of this preſent parliament, that if any Officer or Clarke of any of her Highneſſe Courts, commonly called the Chancery, Kings Bench, & Common place, or of her Exchequer, or any other Officer or Clarke of any other of her Highnes Courts within this realme, at any time after the laſt day of this preſent ſeſſion of Parliament, make out or write out any maner of writs, proceſſe, ſummons, or other precepts, wherby any of the ſaid ſubiects, or any of the ſaid bodies corporated, or others before rehearſed, or any of them ſhall be in any wiſe arreſted, attached, diſtreined, ſummoned, or otherwiſe vexed, inquieted, or grieued in his or their bodies, landes, tenements, goods or chattels, or in any of them, for, or becauſe of any manner of thing pardoned or diſcharged by vertue of this Act of free pardon: or if any Shirife

or Eſcheator, or any of their deputie or deputies, or any Bailife or other officer whatſoeuer, by colour of his or their office, or otherwiſe, after the ſayd laſt day of this preſent ſeſſion of Parliament, doe leuie, receiue, take or withholde, of, or from any perſon or perſons, any thing pardoned or diſcharged by this act, that then euery ſuch perſon ſo offending, and thereof lawfully conuicted or condemned by any ſufficient teſtimony, witneſſe or proofe, ſhall yeelde and pay for recompenſe thereof to the partie ſo grieued or offended thereby, his, or their treble dammages, beſides all coſts of the ſute: and ſhall alſo forfeit and loſe to the Queenes Maieſtie for euery ſuch default. x. li. And neuertheleſſe, all and ſinguler ſuch writs, proceſſe and precepts ſo to be made, for, or vpon any maner of thing pardoned or diſcharged by this preſent act of free Pardon, ſhall be vtterly void, and of none effect.

Excepted and alwayes foreprized out of this generall and free Pardon, all and all maner of high Treaſons and other offences committed or done by any perſon or perſons againſt the Queens moſt royall perſon, and all conſpiracies and confederacies traiterouſly had, committed or done by any perſon or perſons againſt the Queenes Maieſties royall perſon.

And alſo excepted all and euery maner of treaſons committed or done by any perſon or perſons in the parts beyond the Seas, or in any other place out of the Queenes dominions: and alſo all ſutes, puniſhments, executions, paines of death, forfeitures and penalties, for, or by reaſon or occaſion of any the Treaſons and offences before rehearſed.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon, all offences of forging & falſe counterfeiting of the Queenes Maieſties great or priuie ſeale, ſigne Manuel, or priuie Signet, or of any the monyes currant within this Realme: And alſo, all offences of vnlawfull diminiſhing of any the ſayde moneyes by any way or meanes whatſoeuer, contrary to the lawes and ſtatutes of this Realme: And alſo all abetting, ayding, comforting, or procuring of the ſame offences, or any of them to be committed or done.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon, all maner of voluntary murders, petit treaſons, & wilfull poiſonings done or committed by any perſon or perſons, and all and euery the acceſſaries to the ſame offences or any of them, before the ſayd offences committed.

And alſo excepted and foreprized out of this generall Pardon, all and euery offences of piracie and robberie done vpon the ſeas, and all and euery comforting, procuring, or abetting of the ſame offences to be had, done or committed.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon, all Burglaries committed or done in any dwelling houſe or houſes, and all acceſſaries to any the ſayd Burglaries, before the ſame Burglarie committed.

And alſo excepted all robberies done vpon, or to any mans or

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womans person in the high way, or elsewhere: And all and singular accessaries of, or to any such robberies before the sayd robberie committed.

And also excepted ỹ felonious stealing of any horse, gelding or Mare, and all accessaries thereunto, before the same felony committed, and all iudgements and executions, of and for the same.

And also al wilful burnings of any dwelling house or houses, or of any barne or barnes wherein any corne was.

And also excepted all Rapes & carnall rauishment of women.

And also all rauishments and wilful taking away, or marying of any mayd, widow, or damosel, against her wil, or without the assent or agreement of her parents, or of such as then had her in custodie.

And also all offences of ayding, comforting, procuring or abetting of any such rauishment, wilful taking or marying to be had, committed, or done.

And also excepted all wilfull escapes of any traitors or felons.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all persons now attainted or outlawed, of or for any treason, petit treason, murder, wilfull poysoning, Burglary, or robberie, and all executions, of and for the same.

And also excepted all offences of Inuocations, Coniurations, Witchcrafts, Sorceries, Inchantments and Charmes, and all offences of procuring, abetting, or comforting of the same, and all persons now attainted or conuicted of any the sayd offences.

And also excepted all and euery maner of taking from the Queenes Maiestie of any goods or chattels, or the issues, rents, reuenues, or profits of any Manors, landes, tenements, or hereditaments, which were of any traytor, murder, felon, clarke, or clarkes attainted, or Fugitiues, or any of them.

And also excepted all goods and chattels in any wise forfeited to the Queenes Maiestie by reason of any treason, petit treason, murder, or felony heretofore committed or done.

And also excepted all offences, of or in making, writing, printing or publishing, or in consenting to the making, writing, printing, or publishing of any false seditious or slanderous booke, or bookes, libel or libels, in any wise against the Queens Maiesty, or the present gouernment of this Realme, in causes either Ecclesiasticall or Temporall, or against any person or persons.

And also excepted out of this pardon, al intrusions and spoile of woods, had, made or done by any person or persons, in or vpon any of the manors, landes, tenements, or other hereditaments of our soueraigne Lady the Queene, and all wastes done, committed or suffred vpon any such lands, tenements or hereditaments, and the wrongfull taking of any the rents, issues and profits of the same Mannours, landes, tenements or hereditaments of

our said Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and also all Suites, Accompts and Impetitions, of and for the same.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all alienations of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments without licence, & all fines, issues & profits, that may or ought to grow or come to ỹ Queenes Maiestie, by reason of any such alienation without licence.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all wastes committed or done in any of the Queens Wards lands, or in the Wards lands of any of the Queenes committees: And also all and euery fine and fines for the single or double value of the mariage or marriages of al and euery Ward or Wards, at any time heretofore growen to the Queenes Maiestie or any her noble progenitors.

And also excepted all concealed Wardes, and the lands of such Wards concealed, and all Liueries and Primer seisons, and ouster le maines that ought to be had, done or sued for the same.

And also excepted out of this generall pardon, all rauishments and wrongfull taking or withholding of any of the Queenes Wards, or Wards lands, or the rents, and profits of the same, at any time commen or growen to the Queenes handes, and euery thing that by reason of any Ward or Wards lands, or for default of suing or prosecuting of any liuery, ought to come or bee to the Queenes Maiestie, and which as yet is not discharged.

And also excepted al Fines that should or ought to grow to the Queenes Maiestie, of any of her widowes that haue married without licences.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that the Queens Maiestie, her heires and successors, shal haue & enioy the full & whole interest, benefit, profit, and aduantage of all Wardships, Liueries, Primer seisons, and ouster le maines of lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and all meane issues, rates & profits for not suing or not prosecuting of any Liuery or ouster le maine as if this Act had neuer bene had or made: And that all and euery person or persons which haue tendered or ought to sue his, her, or their, or any of their liueries or ouster le maines, of or for any Mannors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, whatsoeuer they be, shall sue his, her, and their Liuery and liueries, and ouster le maines, out of our said soueraigne Lady the Queenes hands, and shal answere and pay their fines, issues, and meane profits for his or their mannors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, in like maner and forme to euery respect, as they and euery of them should or ought to haue done, if this Act had neuer bene had ne made, notwithstanding the not finding of any office or offices, or any other matter whatsoeuer: Any article, thing or things in this present act of generall pardon comprised and specified to the contrary notwithstanding.

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And alſo excepted and foꝛeprſed out of this pardon, al ſuch perſons as the laſt day of this preſent ſeſſion of parliament be in priſon within ẏ towꝛe of London, oꝛ in the priſon of the Marſhalſey, oꝛ in the priſon of the Fleete, oꝛ otherwiſe reſtrained of liberty by expꝛeſſe cõmandement from the Queens Maieſty, oꝛ by the commandement oꝛ direction of any her Maieſties priuie Counſell.

And alſo excepted out of this pardon, all and euery ſuch perſon and perſons, which at any time ſithence the beginning of the Queens Maieſties reigne, haue fled out of this Realme of England, oꝛ any other the Queenes Dominions, foꝛ any offence of high treaſon, petit treaſon, oꝛ miſpꝛiſion of treaſon.

And alſo excepted al ſuch perſons, as be gone oꝛ fled out of this Realme, foꝛ any cauſe contrarie to the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, without the Queenes Maieſties licence.

And alſo excepted all ſuch perſons, as haue obteined and had licence to depart this Realme foꝛ a certaine time, and nowe doe abide out of the Realme without any lawfull excuſe, after the time of their licence expired.

And alſo excepted out of this pardon, all and euery concealements, oꝛ wꝛongful deteinements of any cuſtome oꝛ ſubſidie due to the Queenes Maieſtie, and all accompts, impetitions, and ſutes, to be had, made oꝛ done foꝛ the ſame.

And alſo excepted all and ſingular accounts of all and euery collectoꝛ & collectoꝛs of any Subſidie, Fifteene, cuſtome oꝛ other thing, & al accounts of euery other perſõ whatſoeuer, that ought to be accõptant to the Queenes Highnes, oꝛ to her moſt noble father king Henry the eight, oꝛ to king Edward the ſixt, oꝛ Queene Mary, oꝛ to any of them, & the heires, executoꝛs, and adminiſtratoꝛs of euery ſuch perſon that ought to accompt foꝛ al things touching onely the ſame accounts: And all & ſingular arrerages of accompts, & all vntrue accompts, & all impetitions, charges of ſeiſures, ſutes, demands & executions, which may oꝛ can be had, of oꝛ foꝛ any accompt oꝛ accompts, oꝛ any arrerages of the ſame.

And alſo excepted all incloſures, and decayes of houſes of huſbandꝛy and the conuerting oꝛ keeping of any land from tillage to paſture, made, done, cõmitted oꝛ permitted, contrary to the foꝛme and effect of any Statute oꝛ Statutes heretofoꝛe made.

And alſo excepted and foꝛeprſed out of this pardon, all and all maner of deceits and offences of all and ſingular moneyers and other Officers, Winters, & woꝛkmen, of oꝛ in any the Queenes Maieſties mints within this Realme, oꝛ any other her Dominions, and all impetitions and puniſhments foꝛ the ſame.

And alſo excepted all titles and actions of Quare impedit, and all Homages, Reliefe and Relieſes, Harriots, Rent Seruices, Rent charges, Rent Seckes, and the arrerages of the ſame,

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not done or paied to the Queenes Highnesse.

And also excepted al conditions and couenants, & al penalties, titles and forfeitures of condition or conditions, couenant or couenants accrued or growen to the Queenes Maiestie, by reason of the breach and not performing of any couenant or condition whatsoeuer.

And also excepted al summes of money granted to the Queens Maiestie, or any her noble progenitors, by way or meane of Subsidie, Fifteene, Tenth, or otherwise, & all concealements, frauds, and offences, by which her Maiestie hath beene deceiued, or not truely answered of, or for the same.

And also excepted out of this pardon, al debts which were or be due to our soueraign Lady the Queene, or to the most noble king of famous memory king Henry the 7. king Henrie the 8. king Ed. the 6. or to the late Queene Mary, or to any person or persons, for or to any of their vses, by any condemnation, recognisance, obligation or otherwise (other then such debtes as are due vpon any obligation or recognisance forfeited before the said fourth day of August for non apparance in any Court or other place whatsoeuer, or for not keeping of the peace, or not being of good behauiour, which debts growen or accrued vpon these causes, by this free pardon, be, and shall be clearely pardoned and discharged.)

And also excepted and foreprised out of this pardon, all and singular penalties, forfeitures & summes of money, being due or accrued to our soueraigne Lady the Queene, by reason of any Act, statute or statutes: which forfeitures, penalties, & summes of money be conuerted into the nature of debt, by any Iudgement, order, or decree, or by the agreement of the offender or offenders.

And also excepted al forfeitures of al leases, estates, or interests of any lands, tenements or hereditaments, holden of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiesty, by Knights seruice, or in socage in capite, or otherwise by knights seruice, made in one or seueral assurances or leases for any terme or termes of yeres, wherupon the old and accustomed rent or more is not reserued.

And also excepted all first fruits and tenths at this present being due to be payed to her Maiesty, by force of any Act or statute, or otherwise.

And also excepted al penalties & forfeitures, wherof there is any good verdict in any sute giuen or past for ỳ Queens Maiesty.

And also excepted al forfeitures, and other penalties & profites now due, accrued or growen, or which shal, or may be due, accrue or grow to the Queens Maiesty, by reason of any offence, misdemeanor or contempt, or other act or deede, had, suffered, committed or done contrary to any Act, statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawes of this realme, and whereof, or for the which

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any action, bill, plaint, or information at any time within eight yeeres next before the last day of this present Session of Parliament, hath been, or shall bee exhibited, commenced, or sued in the Courts of Starre Chamber, or Exchequer Chamber, or in any the Queenes Maiesties Courtes at Westminster, and now is, or the same last day of this Session of Parliament shall bee there depending or remayning to bee prosecuted, or whereof the Queenes Highnesse by her bill signed, or otherwise heretofore hath made any gift or assignement to any person or persons.

And also excepted out of this generall and free Pardon, all offences, contempts, disorders, couens, fraudes, deceites, and misdemeanours, whatsoeuer, heretofore committed or done by any person or persons, and whereof, or for the which any suite by bill, plaint, or information at any time within foure yeeres next before the last day of this present Session of Parliament, is, or shall bee commenced, or exhibited in the Court of Star Chamber at Westminster, and shall be there the same last day of this Session of Parliament depending.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all offences of periuries, and subornation of witnesses, and offences of forging and counterfaiting of any false deeds, escripts, or writings, and all procuring, and counselling of any such counterfaiting or forging to be had, or made.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all and euery offence or offences touching or concerning the carying, sending, or conueying ouer the Seas, or out of this Realme, of any golde, siluer, iewels, or any coyne of golde, or siluer, contrary to the Lawes or Statutes of this Realme, vnlesse it were by the Queenes licence.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all offences of incest, adulterie, fornication, and simonie, and all misdemeanors, and disturbances, committed or made in any Church or chappell in the time of common prayer, preaching, or diuine Seruice there vsed, to the disturbance thereof, and all outlawries and prosecutions vpon the same.

And also excepted all offences, whereby any person may bee charged with the penaltie and danger of Premunire, and of the which offence, or offences, any part standeth already inuicted, or otherwise lawfully condemned, or conuicted.

And also excepted all dilapidations, for which any suite is, or before the ende of this Session of Parliament shall bee depending.

And also excepted all offences whatsoeuer in shipping, or

willingly assenting, or causing to bee shipped to bee transported into any the parts beyond the Seas, out of the obedience of her Maiestie, any Gunnes, ordinance, shot, or gunne mettall, contrary to the Lawes or Statutes of this Realme, without licence of her Maiestie in that behalfe first had, and obtained, and also all such as conenously, or by consent, vnto the relefe of such as haue offended in, or against any popular, or penall Statute, haue for the same offence or offences, exhibited any action, bill, plaint, information, or suite against any such offender or offenders.

And excepted also all offences in taking away, imbezeling, or purloyning any the Queens Maiesties goods, money, chattels, iewels, armour, munition, ordinance, or other habiliments of warre.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all maner of extortions whatsoeuer, and also excepted all couens, fraudes, deceits, and other disorders and misdemeanors whatsoeuer heretofore committed or done by any vndershirifie, or by any officer, minister, or Clerke in any of her Highnesse courts, in, or by reason, or colour of any of their offices, or places: And all offences of ayding, comforting, assisting or procuring of any vndershiriffe, or any such officer, minister, or Clerke, in contriuing, doing, or executing any such extortion, exaction, couen, fraude, deceit, disorder, or misdemeanor.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all vnlawfull taking away and rescuses made of any prisoner, being in, or vnder any arrest or custody: and all breaking, and attempting to breake any of her Maiesties prisons, and all offences of ayding, or procuring thereof.

And also excepted all offences, contempts, disorders, and misdemeanors, committed, or done by any person, or persons contrary to the Lawes of the Forrests, within the circuit, or precinct of her Maiesties Forrests of Windsor and Waltham, or of either of them, and all penalties for the same.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all issues, fines, and amerciaments, being totted, leuied, or receiued by any shirife, vndershirife, bailife, minister, or other officer, to, or for the Queenes Maiesties vse, or behoofe, before the last day of this present Session of Parliament, and all issues, fines, and amerciaments, afferred, tared, set, estreated, or entred seuerally, or particularly, touching or concerning any one person, or mo persons, ioyntly, or seuerally, aboue the summe of fiue pounds.

And also excepted all issues, fines, and amerciaments returned, afferred, tared, set, or entred seuerally, or particularly in

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any Court of Recoꝛd at Weſtminſter, at any time ſithence the feaſt of the holy Trinitie laſt paſt.

And yet neuertheleſſe, all other fines, as well fines pro licentia concordandi, as others, ſet, taxed, eſtreated, oꝛ entred beſoꝛe the ſayd feaſt of the holy Trinitie, and alſo all iſſues, and amerciaments, as well reall as others, within any liberties oꝛ without, being ſet, taxed, eſtreated oꝛ entred beſoꝛe the ſayd feaſt of the holy Trinity, and which ſeuerally oꝛ particularly extend to, oꝛ vnder the ſumme of fiue pounds, and not aboue, whether they be eſtreated oꝛ not eſtreated, oꝛ whether they be turned into debt, oꝛ not turned into debt, and not being totted, leuied, oꝛ receiued by any Shirife, Vnderſhirife, Miniſter oꝛ other Officer, to, oꝛ foꝛ the Queenes Maieſties vſe oꝛ behooſe, beſoꝛe the laſt day of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, ſhalbe freely, cleerely, and plainly pardoned and diſcharged againſt the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſours foꝛ euer, by foꝛce of this preſent Act of free pardon.

And yet neuertheleſſe, all eſtreates of ſuch fines, iſſues and amerciaments, as be now pardoned by this Acte, and which be already eſtreated foꝛth of the Court of Exchequer, and be remaining in the handes of the Shiriffe, Vnderſhirife, oꝛ Bailiffe foꝛ collecting of the ſame fines, iſſues, and amerciaments, ſhall vpon the returne of the ſame eſtreates, be oꝛderly charged and deliuered by ſcrowes into the Office of the Pipe in the Court of Exchequer, as heeretofoꝛe hath beene accuſtomed, to the intent that thereupon, oꝛder may be taken, that her Maieſtie may be the moꝛe truly anſwered of all ſuch fines, iſſues, and amerciaments, not by this Acte pardoned, and which any Shiriffe, Vnderſhiriffe, Bailiffe, oꝛ other officer oꝛ miniſter hath receiued, oꝛ ought to anſwere by foꝛce oꝛ colour of any ſuch eſtreat, proceſſe, oꝛ pꝛecept to him oꝛ them made, foꝛ the leuying thereof: And yet that notwithſtanding, all and euery Shiriffe and Shiriffes, and other accountant vpō his oꝛ their petition oꝛ petitions to be made foꝛ the allowance of any ſuch fines, iſſues and amerciaments, as by this Acte is pardoned, ſhall haue all and euery ſuch his, and their petition allowed in his and their account and accounts, without paying any fee oꝛ reward to any Officer, Clerke oꝛ other miniſter, foꝛ the making, entring oꝛ allowing of any ſuch petition oꝛ petitions, any vſage oꝛ cuſtome to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

And alſo excepted out of this pardon, all goods, chattels, debts, actiōs & ſuits already foꝛfeited, oꝛ whereof any right oꝛ title is accrued oꝛ growen to ꝑ Queens Maieſty by reaſon of any outlawry, & whereof the Queenes Maieſty by her Highneſſe letters pa-

tents, hath before the last day of this present Session of Parliament made any graunt, couenant or promise to any person or persons.

And also excepted out of this Pardon all such persons, which haue committed or done any offence or offences contrary to the tenour or effect of the Statute made in the seuen and twentie yeere of her Maiesties Reigne, Intituled, An Acte against Iesuites, Seminarie priestes, and other such disobedient persons, or any part thereof: and all outlawries, proceedings, iudgements and executions vpon the same offences or any of them.

And also excepted all persons which haue committed or done any offence, contrary to the Statute made in the three and twentie yeere of her Maiesties Reigne, Intituled, An Acte to retaine the Queenes Maiesties Subiects in their due obedience, or any part thereof: And all outlawries, proceedings, and Iudgements, and executions vpon the same offences or any of them, for such and so long time as they shall continue disobedient or wilfully obstinate in any the same offences. And yet neuertheless, whensoeuer the same persons, or any of them shall willingly submit themselues in their due obedience to her Maiestie, and will come to the Church to heare diuine Seruice, and willingly refuse the saide wilfull obstinacie, and conforme themselues in the said causes of Religion and doctrine, and continue in such their conformitie and due obedience to her Maiestie, according as by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme they ought to do: that then and from thencefoorth all and euery such person and persons, so submitting and yeelding themselues in their due obedience towardes her Maiestie, and so continuing in the same, shall foorthwith bee receiued and enabled by force of this Acte, to haue and enioy the full benefite of this generall pardon, as largely and fully in all respects, as any other of her Maiesties good Subiects haue or ought to enioy by vertue of this Acte of generall pardon.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all such persons as be and remaine still attainted or condemned, and not already pardoned, of, or for any rebellion, or leuying of warre, or of, or for any conspiracie of any rebellion or leuying of warre within this realme, or in any other the Queenes Dominions.

And also excepted all false forging, and counterfetting of any Commission or Commissions to enquire of any landes, tenements, or hereditaments, and also all false forging and counterfaiting of any vntrue certificate, or returne of any Commission or Commissions, obtained or gotten foorth of any Court

or Courts, to enquire of any Lands, tenements, or other things whatsoeuer: And all and all maner falsifying of any particular, or of any Bill or Billes, signed by her Maiestie, after the engrossing thereof, and before the passing of the same vnto the great Seale.

And except also out of this Pardon, all offences committed or done by any person or persons in new building, diuiding of Tenements, taking of Inmates, newe inclosures, and other Nusances in any place within the Citie of London, and Suburbes of the same, or within three miles of the saide Citie, contrary to the Lawe, or any her Maiesties Proclamations in that behalfe made.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that it shall and may bee lawfull to all and euery Clearke and other Officers of the Queenes Courtes, to awarde and make Writtes of Capias Vtlagat. at the suite of the partie plaintife against such persons outlawed as be pardoned by this Acte, to the intent to compell the defendant and defendants to make answere to the plaintife or plaintifes, at whose suite, hee, or they were outlawed, and that euery person so outlawed, shall sue a Writte of Scire facias against the partie or parties, at whose suite, hee, or they were so outlawed, before this pardon in that behalfe shall bee allowed to him or them that so is outlawed.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that this Acte of generall Pardon shall not in any wise extende to any person outlawed vpon any Writ of Capias ad satisfaciendum, vntill such time as the person so outlawed shall satisfie, or otherwise agree with the partie at whose suite the same person was so outlawed or condemned.

Prouided likewise, and be it enacted, that neither this Acte of generall pardon, nor any thing therein conteined, shall in any wise extend to any person, that is, or shall be put to execution, at any time before tenne dayes after the ende of this Session of Parliament: Or to pardon or discharge any offence or misdemeanour committed or done by any purueyour, or other taker whatsoeuer, in taking, or purueying of any prouision whatsoeuer for the Queenes Maiesties houshold, or otherwise to the Queenes Highnesse behoofe, or by pretence or colour therof, contrary vnto, or against any the Lawes or statutes in that behalfe made, or ordeined.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that neither this Acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shall

extend to pardon or discharge any offence committed or done by any Commissioner, Captaine, or other person whatsouer, in the corrupt taking or hauing of any money or other gift or reward for the changing, releasing, or discharging of any Souldier prest or appointed to serue her Maiesty in the defence of the Realme or otherwise: or any offence committed or done by any against the Ecclesiasticall state or gouernment established in this Realme, or any heresie or schisme in Religion whatsoeuer.

FINIS.

God saue the Queene.

A Table of certaine Acts of the Parliament, *begun and holden at Westminster, the 24. day* of October, Anno Elizab. 39. &c.

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1 AN Act concerning a Lease of great yeerely value, procured to be passed from her Maiesty by William Kirkham the younger.

2 An Act that the Lord Mountioy may dispose of his lands whereof he is tenant in taile, as other tenants in tayle, by the lawes and statutes of the realme may doe, A priuate statute made in the xxvii. yeere of Henry the eight to the contrary notwithstanding.

3 An Act for establishing the Hospitall of Queene Elizabeth in Bristoll, for releefe of the Orphanes and poore there.

4 An Act for establishment of the new Colledge of the poore at Cobham in the Countie of Kent.

5 An Act for the confirmation, and better assurance & conueyance of certaine Manors, Lands, tenements, and hereditaments, giuen and intended to an Hospital, or Meason Dieu in Warwike, founded and established by the Earle of Leicester.

6 An Act for the naturalizing of certain English mens children and other, borne beyond the Seas.

7 An act for confirmation of the Jointure of Christian Lady Sands.

8 An act for establishing the towne lands of Wanting in the Countie of Berkshire, to the releefe of the poore, amendment of highwayes, and maintaining of a Schoolemaster within the said Towne.

9 An act for Arthur Hatch, her Maiesties Ward, for the enioying of the Rectorie and Parsonage of South Molton in the countie of Deuonshire, for certaine yeres reseruing the vsuall rent.

10 An act for confirmation of the Jointure of the lady Varney, wife of Sir Edmond Varney knight.

11 An act for the better maintenance and welkeeping of Staines bridge, and Egham causey, being the high way from London, vnto the west parts of England.

12 An act for establishing of the lands giuen by Iohn Bedfords will, to the perpetuall repaire and amendment of the high wayes at Ailesburie in the County of Buckingham, according to the sayd will.

13 An act concerning the Schoole of Seuenock.

14 An act for establishing the possessions of Sir Henry Vnton knight, lately deceased, and for paiment of his debts.

15 An act for establishing a Jointure to Anne, Lady Wentworth, now wife of William Pope esquire, and for the better enabling of the said William Pope, to sel certain of his lands for the paiment of his debts.



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